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Continuous Air Battle Raging Near Sedan POILUS REGAIN LOST GROUND

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Paris, To-day.

MILITARY EXPERTS refuse to comment on the military situation as information may help the enemy but point out the fighting now going on the Meuse shows the French and British armies are co-operating in the best conditions.

This co-operation is especially efficient as far as aviation is concerned; British planes have been constantly helping French infantry and motorised units in furious counter-attacks which have regained most of the ground lost in the first German onslaught.

Last night, after another day of very severe fighting, the situation remained almost unchanged; it cannot be said the German push has been definitely and finally stopped but the Germans have not progressed further into French territory from Sedan and are still held up in the French defence lines.

The French are counter-attacking vigorously in this sector and have taken important positions.

On all other points of the front German attacks have been checked.

The French High Command is regrouping units which have taken part in the heavy fighting of the last few days and is sending forward reinforcements.

Continuous Air Battle

A continuous air battle is raging, with heavy losses for the Germans.

French planes are also inflicting terrible damage on German motorised columns.

Between Namur and Sedan the intensity of the battle has somewhat decreased.—Havas.

Allies Cooperating In Zeeland

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Paris, To-day.

The Allied troops in front of Antwerp are co-operating with various forces defending Zeeland.

Between Antwerp and Namur the bulk of the German forces have contacted the main Allied armies. A second battle is developing and all German attacks have been repulsed.

In the centre, between Namur and Sedan, the battle is raging and is extending in depth on the left bank of the Meuse where German armoured divisions are attacking without infantry support.

In the Sedan area, the Germans made an unsuccessful attempt to reach

the eastern part of the town, where French counter-attacks are progressing along the Meuse.

Between Sedan and the Swiss border the situation is completely unaltered. The Maginot Line is absolutely untouched.

On the Rhine the French artillery has started a violent barrage against German positions on the other side of the river and has destroyed stocks of material.—Havas.

SERIOUS ANTI-NAZI TROUBLE IN PRAGUE

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Berne, To-day.

The Prague radio has broadcast a decree establishing the death penalty for any Czech civilian carrying arms or explosives. It is understood the measure followed serious clashes between students and German police.—Havas.

CAPTURE OF NARVIK IMMINENT

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Near Narvik, To-day.

The entry of the Allies into Narvik is expected at any moment, the Havas correspondent in this sector is informed.—Havas.

REYNAUD ON RUMOUR OF RHEIMS

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Paris, To-day.

"In the face of the present peril France and Britain stand united," declared the Premier, M. Paul Reynaud, broadcasting to the nation yesterday.

"Let us be worthy of those soldiers who are now laying down their lives for us.

"Remain strong and confident. Alarmist rumours are and will be circulated; let us despise them.

"Absurd rumours allege the enemy has reached Rheims and even Meaux, 25 miles from Paris. The same rumour-mongers asserted the Germans are using a mysterious and extremely powerful weapon and also declared the Government were leaving Paris.

"The truth is the enemy has crossed the Meuse and has created a wide pocket in our lines which our gallant troops are now reducing.

Successful Challenge

"Our mechanised units are successfully challenging the German armoured divisions.

"The Government are staying in Paris. We faced a worse situation in 1918 and we won.

"It is always when the situation is at its worst that France has astonished the world, showing it what she can do.

"Ten centuries of French civilisation are again threatened to-day by German hordes. We are determined to preserve our country and our liberties. Long live France!—Havas.

GERMAN AIR RAID ON ARRAS

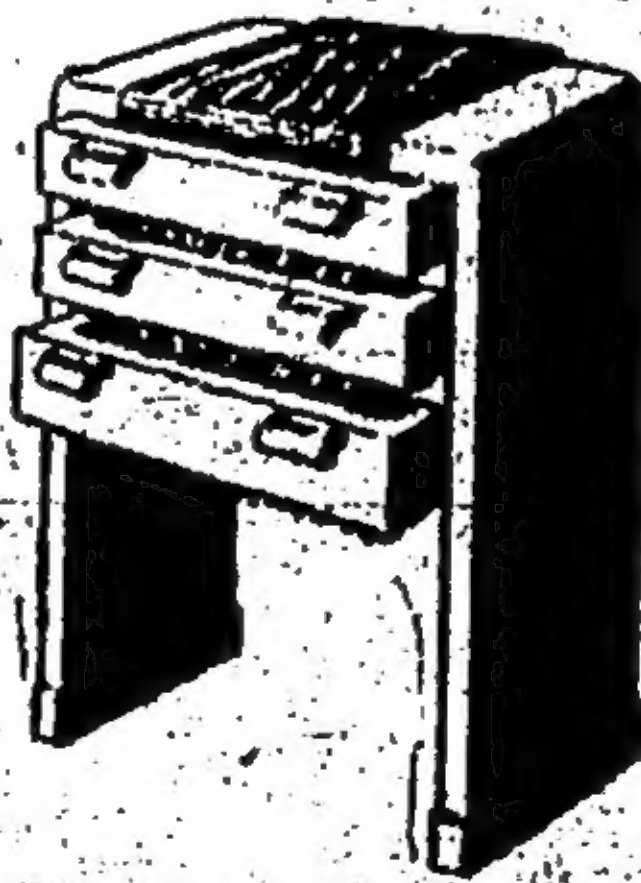
(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Paris, To-day.

German planes bombed Arras last night, dropping seven bombs and damaging civilian property.—Havas.

WEATHER FORECAST:—East and south-east winds, moderate; cloudy generally, occasional rain.

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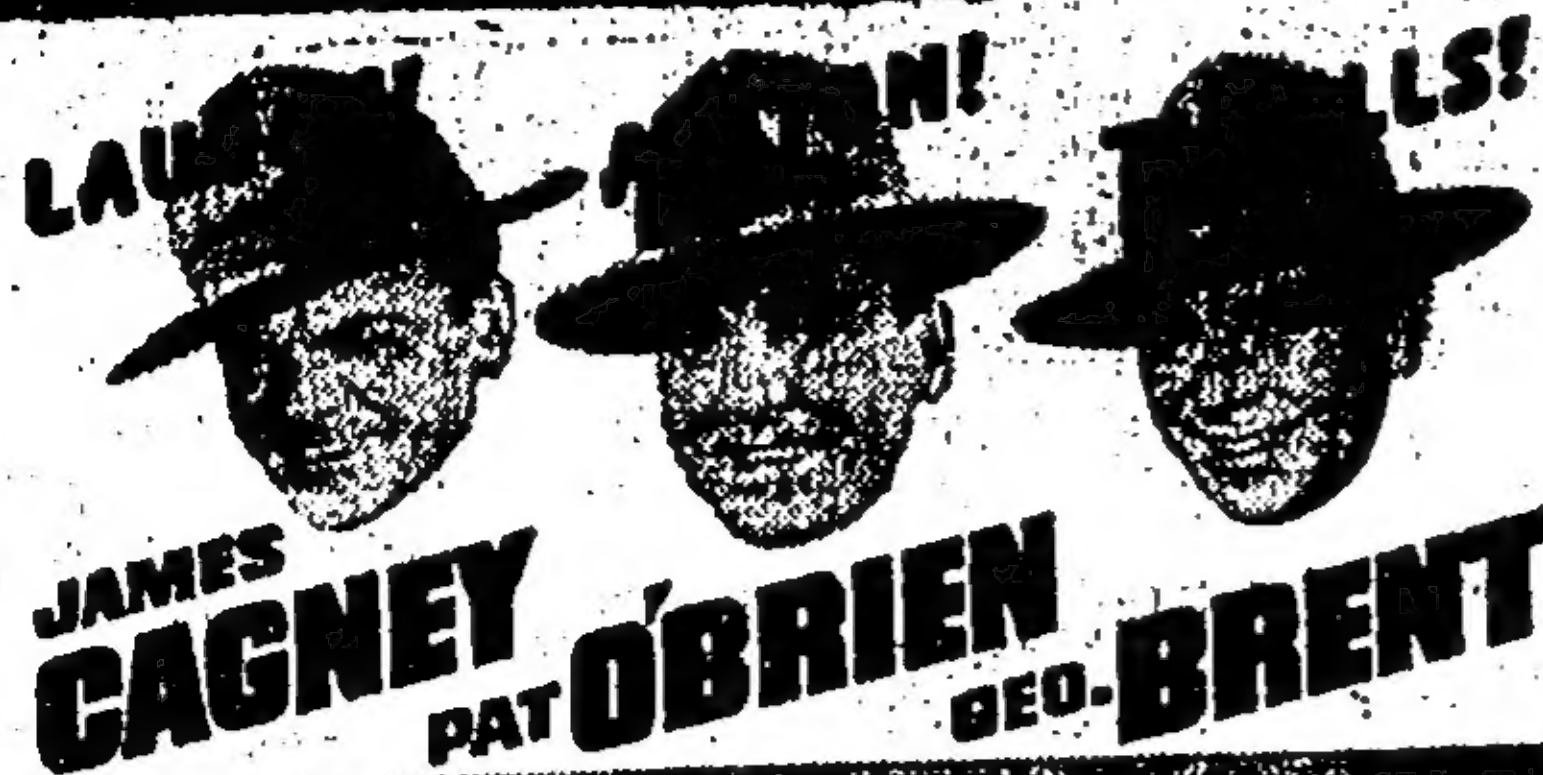
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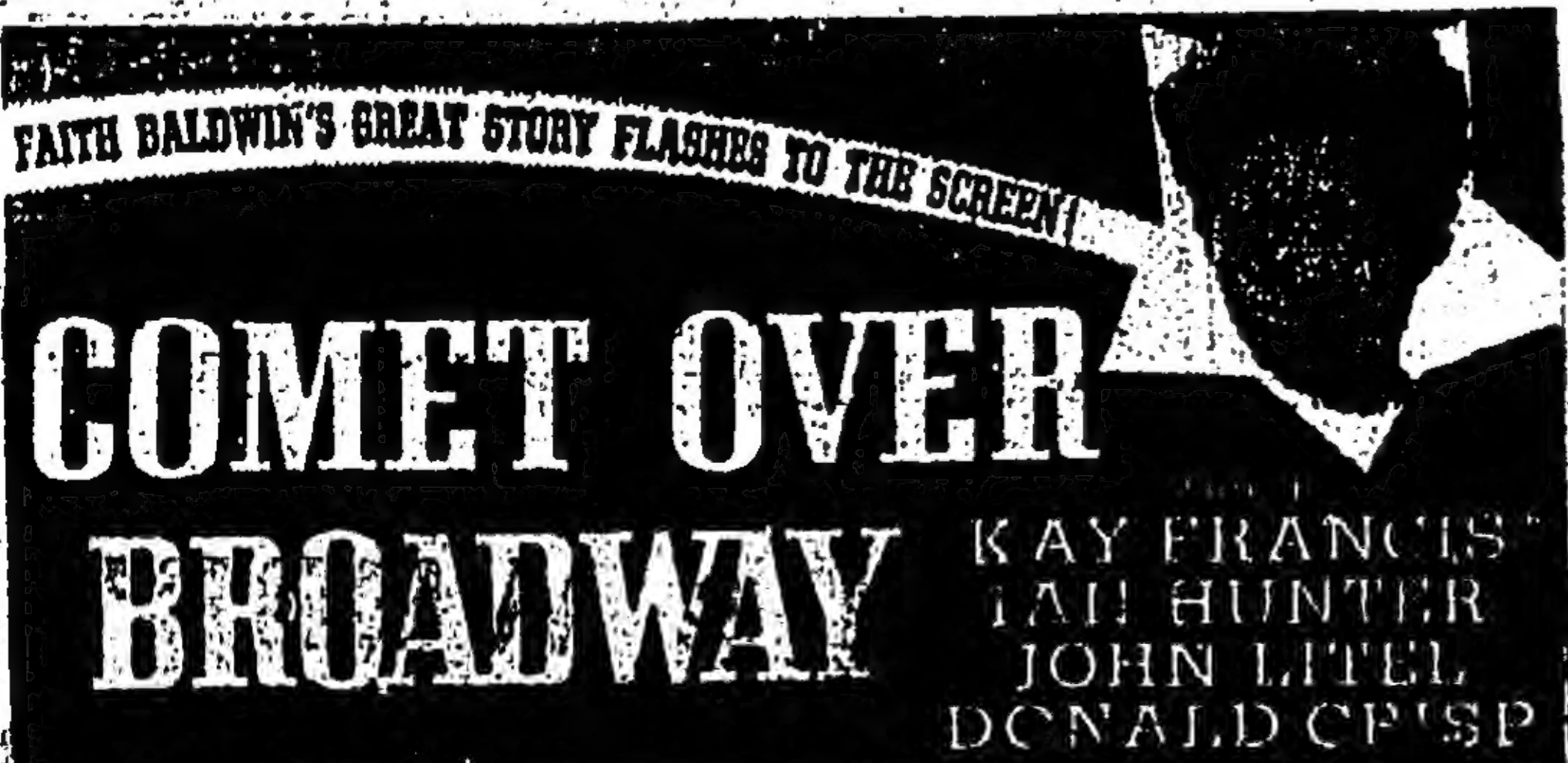
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MIRACLES OF HEROISM BY THE BELGIANS

Brussels, To-day.
BELGIAN TROOPS HAVE been performing miracles of heroism, M. Delfosse, Belgian Minister of Communications, said in a broadcast yesterday. He gave an instance in which a Belgian major, with three privates, re-captured a pill-box fort after a hand-grenade charge.

For the past three days, he said, the Belgians had been resisting in their second-line positions. A great number of British and French troops were coming up each hour in support with "admirable equipment."
"Be firm and confident," he said. "The aggressor always has the initial advantage, but from hour to hour the defence becomes more effective. Germany could not face the blockade nor withstand a long war. The Allied power and resources are greatly superior to hers."—Reuter.

TIGHTENED BLOCKADE

LONDON, TO-DAY.
WINDING UP OF THE CONTRA-BAND CONTROL BASE IN THE DOWNS IS TAKEN BY EXPERT OPINION TO INDICATE HOW SEVERELY GERMANY, BY HER RECENT INVASIONS OF HOLLAND AND BELGIUM, FOLLOWING THOSE OF DENMARK AND NORWAY, HAS TIGHTENED THE BRITISH BLOCKADE AGAINST HERSELF.

At the height of activity the Downs base, together with that at Kirkwall, dealt with over 100 neutral ships a week and now no Dutch traffic is coming through the Downs and practically no more neutral ships are going to the North Sea by way of Kirkwall.

However tight the British contra-band control it was obvious Germany was able to gain some indirect advantage from neutral seaborne trade reaching neighbouring states which she has now lost by shutting all northern ports against herself.—British Wireless.

AMERICAN ORDER REVOKED

WASHINGTON, TO-DAY.
MR. HENRY MORGENTHAU, SECRETARY OF TREASURY, ANNOUNCED YESTERDAY THAT THE GENERAL LICENCE OF THE UNITED STATES TREASURY AUTHORIZING THE USE BY THE DUTCH GOVERNMENT OF ITS FUNDS HELD HERE, HAS BEEN REVOKED AT THE REQUEST OF THE NETHERLANDS MINISTER TO THE UNITED STATES.

The action was taken in order to prevent any technical dispute that might arise should the German forces in occupation of Holland establish their own government in the Netherlands.

Queen Wilhelmina's Government will still be able to withdraw its funds in America by asking for separate permits for each transaction.—Reuter.

GAMELIN CHOOSES SITE

GENEVA, TO-DAY.
THE BERNE NEWSPAPER "JOURNAL DE GENEVE" COMMENTS: "DESPITE HOLLAND'S CAPITULATION, THE DUTCH NAVY WILL PARTICIPATE IN ALLIED NAVAL OPERATIONS."

"The great resources of the Dutch Colonies are at the disposal of the Allies."

"General Gamelin has chosen the site for the great battle. This, however, does not allow us to foresee its issue but gives the Allies confidence and good chances of success."

"The brilliant successes of the German Army on the Somme in 1918 were the prelude to its destruction." — Reuter.

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—MR. DUFF-COOPER

London, To-day.

MR. A. DUFF-COOPER, the new Minister of Information, in a broadcast speech last night said he felt it was the job of his Ministry to give people the maximum information in the minimum time.

Accuracy and speed were to be their main objectives, with accuracy coming first.

DUTCH REFUGEES ARRIVING

London, To-day.

Members of the Dutch Parliament, journalists, a burgomaster, several expectant mothers and a large number of very young children were among a party of Dutch refugees who arrived at a south coast port yesterday.

They were in a pitiable state of exhaustion after two sleepless days and nights, almost without food and crammed in the holds of ships.

They all told stories of desperate escapes under the noses of the German soldiers.

A member of the Dutch Parliament, who asked that his name should not be published, for the sake of his daughter who is still in Holland, described the Germans as beasts.

Amazed By Order

It was stated the Germans strewed the streets with poisoned chocolates and German residents used their houses as bases of attack on their neighbours.

Several Dutch soldiers said they were amazed by the order to cease fire and decided to get to England.—Reuter.

More Expected

London, To-day.

It is officially stated that a large number of refugees are expected to arrive in the London metropolitan area to-day from Holland and Belgium and during the end of the week and the beginning of next week.

Substantial numbers arrive daily via France.

Refugees will be accommodated in the counties of London, Middlesex and Surrey, and it is hoped accommodation will be found for them in private houses.—Reuter.

OCCUPATION OF PART OF LA SALLE COLLEGE

It was officially stated this morning that occupation of part of the La Salle College (used previously for the internment of Germans) has been resumed by the Government "in case of future eventualities."

The area was taken over yesterday morning by the authorities and was once again enclosed with barbed wire entanglements.

After advising people not to allow to be added to the anxieties and horrors of war all the wealth of mischief that rumour can produce, Mr. Duff-Cooper said: "We are engaged now in a great battle which will be long and fierce, and there are bound to be bad moments and bad news."

"We at home should be as prepared to receive bad news as those in the battle line are prepared to receive enemy bullets."

Mr. Duff-Cooper appealed to people not to go about with long faces, as though at a funeral, and concluded:

100 PER CENT. EFFORT

"Let each one of us throw 100 per cent. of all our energies into whatever task we have to perform. Let us keep our hearts gay and our spirits high, confident in the justice of our cause and in our own ability to win through to victory, as in all our long and glorious history we have never failed to do."—Reuter.

Fantastic Rumours

Dealing with the dangers of rumour, Mr. Duff-Cooper said he had described it as the most swiftly moving of all evils and that description was as true to-day as when first said 4000 years ago.

He continued: "What could be more fantastic for instance than the rumour with which the Germans are feeding their hungry people to-day. They are telling that wretched enslaved nation who are as hungry for good tidings as for bread and butter that the King is packing up his trunks and leaving for Canada immediately."

Such rumours make us laugh but other rumours only a little less absurd might make some faint-hearted people tremble."—British Wireless.

DUTCH ARMY OFFICERS IN ENGLAND

London, To-day.

More Dutch refugees arrived yesterday, including officers and men of the Dutch Army who escaped in trawlers. The trawlers were bombed and machine-gunned by German planes, which secured no hits and were driven off by two British warships.

A Dutch civilian reports that all petrol stocks were set on fire as the Germans approached.—Reuter.

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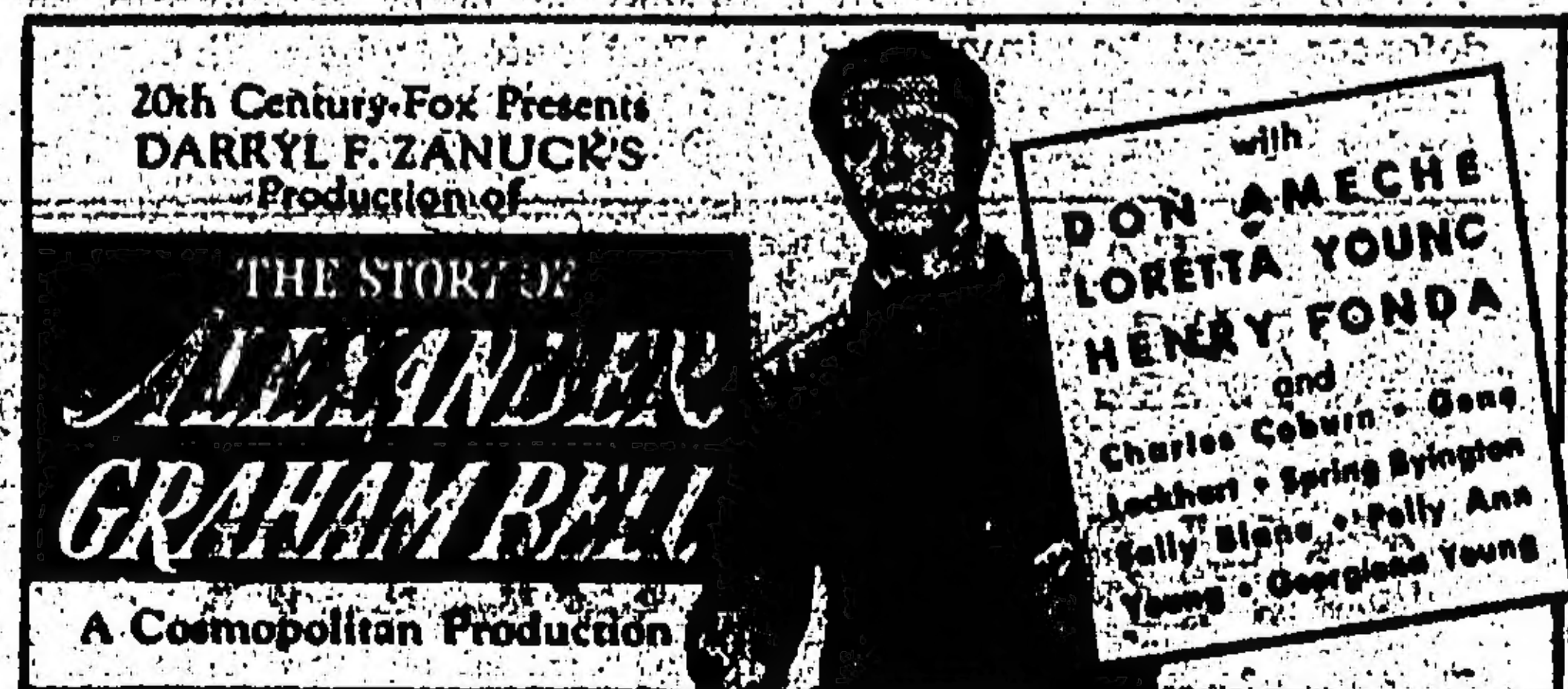
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Marked Change Of Attitude In United States

Pres. Roosevelt's Speech On Defence

"MUST BE NO DELAY IN SUPPLIES TO ALLIES"

Washington, To-day.

PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT delivered his special defence message to Congress yesterday in person. The President asked for \$1,182,000,000 in cash and contracted authorisations for military implements "to meet any lightning offensive against American interests."

He declared these were ominous days whose swift and awful developments forced every neutral to look to its defences.

The President asserted that dangers confronted the United States because of Europe's war and the speed with which modern armies may conquer time and space.

President Roosevelt's requests were divided into \$896,000,000 for immediate appropriations for the Army, Navy and Marine Corps, and \$100,000,000 for emergencies.

In addition he sought authorisation to enter into contracts totalling \$286,000,000.

President Roosevelt declared the clear fact is that the American people must recast their thinking about national protection.

The element of surprise had become even more dangerous owing to the amazing speed with which modern equipment can reach and attack enemy territory.

Protection Needs

"Our own vital interests are widespread and more than ever the protection of the whole American Hemisphere against invasion or control by non-Americans has the united support of 21 American Republics, including the United States."

"More than ever this protection demands ready-at-hand weapons capable of great mobility."

The President would like to see the United States geared to the ability to produce at least 50,000 planes a year.

Furthermore the nation should plan a programme to divide the country with 50,000 military and naval planes.

Object of the new defence fund would be to equip a larger army, replace and modernise old army and navy equipment, increase production facilities and accelerate to a 24-hour basis all existing army and navy contracts.

Potential Dangers

"Our defences must be invulnerable, our security absolute, but our defences to-day do not provide for

security against potential developments and dangers of the future.

"Our objective is still peace at home and abroad; nevertheless we stand ready not only to spend millions for defence but to give our service, even our lives, for the maintenance of American liberties."

One 'belligerent' had many more planes than all its opponents combined but also appeared to have a weekly production capacity at the moment far greater than its opponents.

The President asked Congress to take no action which would hamper or delay the delivery of American-made planes to foreign nations which ordered them, or to seek more.

"From the point of view of our own national defence that would be extremely short-sighted."—Reuter.

The crowded galleries of the joint session of Congress enthusiastically applauded President Roosevelt's speech.

Ten days ago such a speech would have been denounced as war-mongering.

The applause was particularly heavy when the President requested that the delivery of planes for foreign countries be not delayed.—Reuter.

State Of Alarm In United States

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

New York, To-day.

American public opinion, awakened by the attacks on Belgium, Holland and Luxemburg, is in a high state of alarm—some commentators even go so far as to call it "terror."

The question of American naval defence has now taken first place in all minds.

There is great diplomatic activity in Washington, where the possibility of further help to the Allies is being discussed on every side.—Havas.

AMERICA'S PROBLEM

New York, To-day.

The "Herald-Tribune" declares the United States must find unity and foresight to analyse the situation.

"Probably the least costly solution in both life and welfare would be to declare war on Germany at once—to help defend, in other words, the line which the Allies are now holding at such sacrifice."—Reuter.

WAR OVER ON JULY 1 —NAZIS

A rumour in Germany that the war will be over on July 1 is so persistent that it has obviously been engineered by the Nazi Party.

This is stated by the Berlin correspondent of the Swiss "Neue Zurcher Zeitung."

In the last few days the prophecy has widely spread that the German Army will march into Paris in the second half of June.

The writer adds that the split in public opinion is remarkable, one half indulging in wild dreams of conquest, while the other is full of care and anxiety for the future.

NO PHONE, SO U-BOAT FREE

A coastguard in a West Coast district had a German submarine under his telescope for seven and a half minutes.

As he could not telephone direct to an aerodrome only two miles away the U-boat submerged before aircraft arrived.

This statement is contained in a question which Mr. Edward Williams (Soc., Ogmores) will ask the Air Minister in the House.

To secure the fullest co-operation between those keeping watch on the coasts and the Royal Air Force, will you secure, as far as possible, direct communication between coastguards and observers? the M.P. will ask.

JOCKEY CLUB DONATIONS TO CHARITIES

The Stewards of The Hong Kong Jockey Club have voted the following charitable donations for the current year—

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Sailors Home and Missions to Seamen	2,000
The Salvation Army	2,500
Hong Kong Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals	1,500
Tung Wah Hospital	2,500
Society of St. Vincent de Paul	2,500
Hong Kong Society for the Protection of Children	3,000
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Sailors and Soldiers Home	2,000
Children's Playgrounds Association	1,000
St. John Ambulance Association	2,000
Mission of Seventh Day Adventists	1,000
St. Louis Industrial School	1,000
Society of St. Vincent de Paul	
—Blind Home	1,000
Cheero Club	1,000
Hong Kong Boy Scouts Association	1,000
Canossian Convent	500
The Boys' and Girls' Club Association	750
Ministering Children's League	230
Social Service Centre of the Churches	500
Hong Kong Refugee and Social Welfare Council	500
Diocesan Girls' School Building Fund	2,500
Po Leung Kuk	1,000
	\$51,500

CHARGE AGAINST CHARLES ARCHER

Charles Archer, 26, was before Mr. R. Edwards this morning, charged with converting to his own use a radio set, entrusted to him by the Bosco Radio Corporation, Holland House, on April 23.

Defendant was to have delivered the radio set to the On Lok Yuen Restaurant.

Mr. F. D. Gardner, assistant manager of the Bosco Radio Company, appeared as complainant.

Defendant was remanded 72 hours for further enquiries, and bail of \$2,000 was allowed.

An elderly Chinese woman was accidentally knocked down and killed by an army truck in Saigon Road at Yau-mati this morning.

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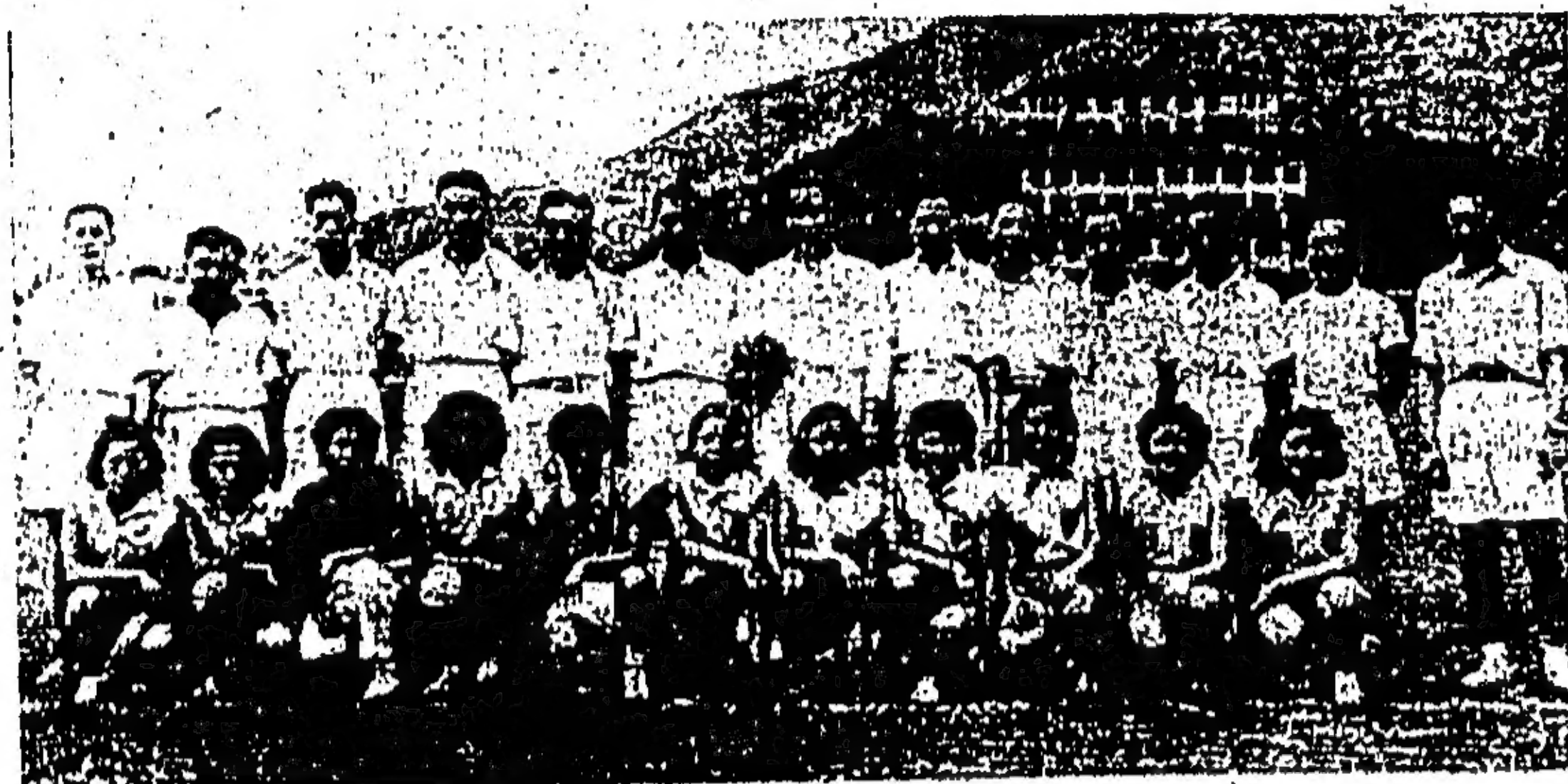
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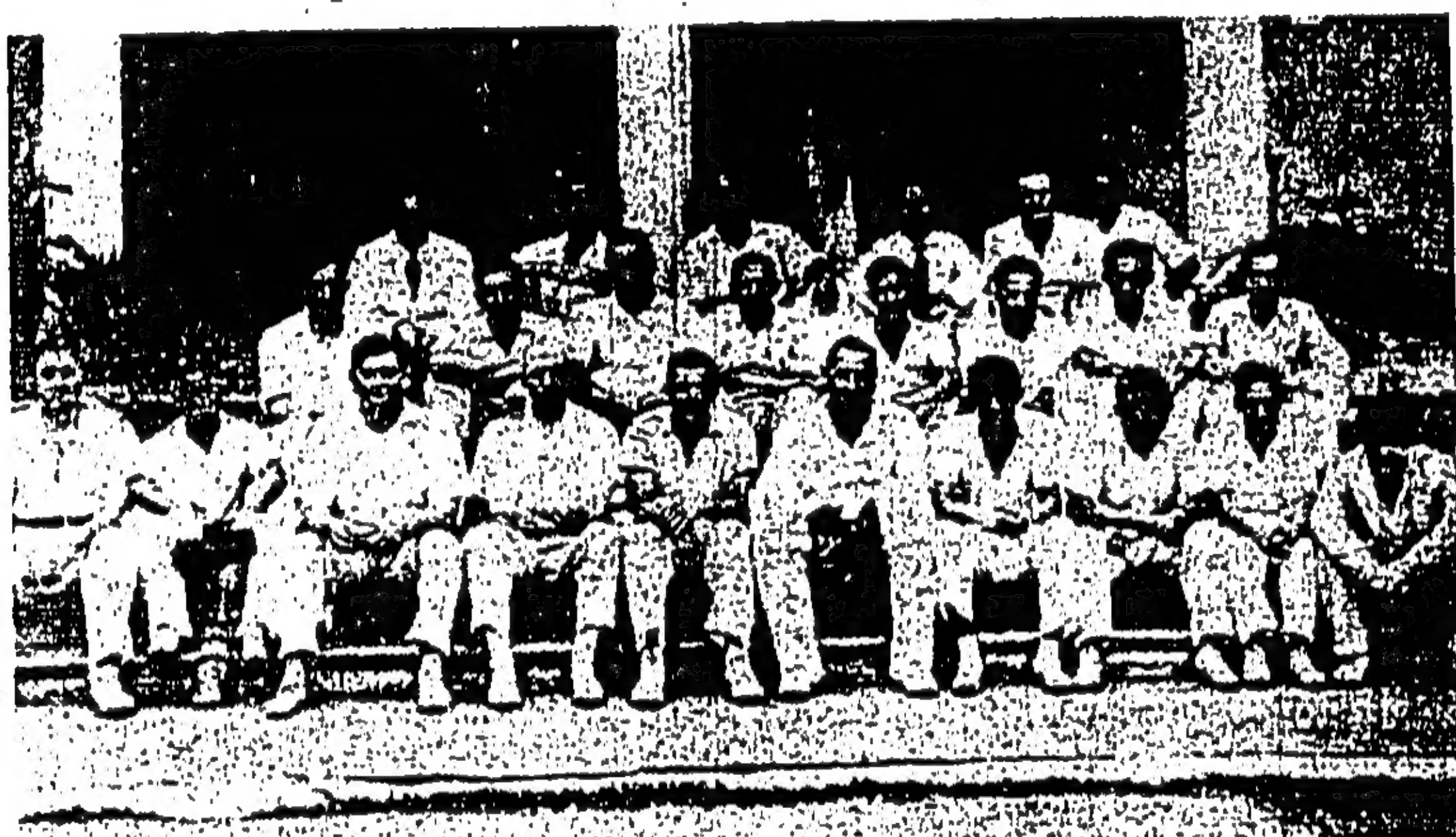
SHOWROOM: DAVID HOUSE 67 DES VOUX ROAD



Members of the Police Junior Cricket team snapped at the I.R.C. during the play-off for the Championship.



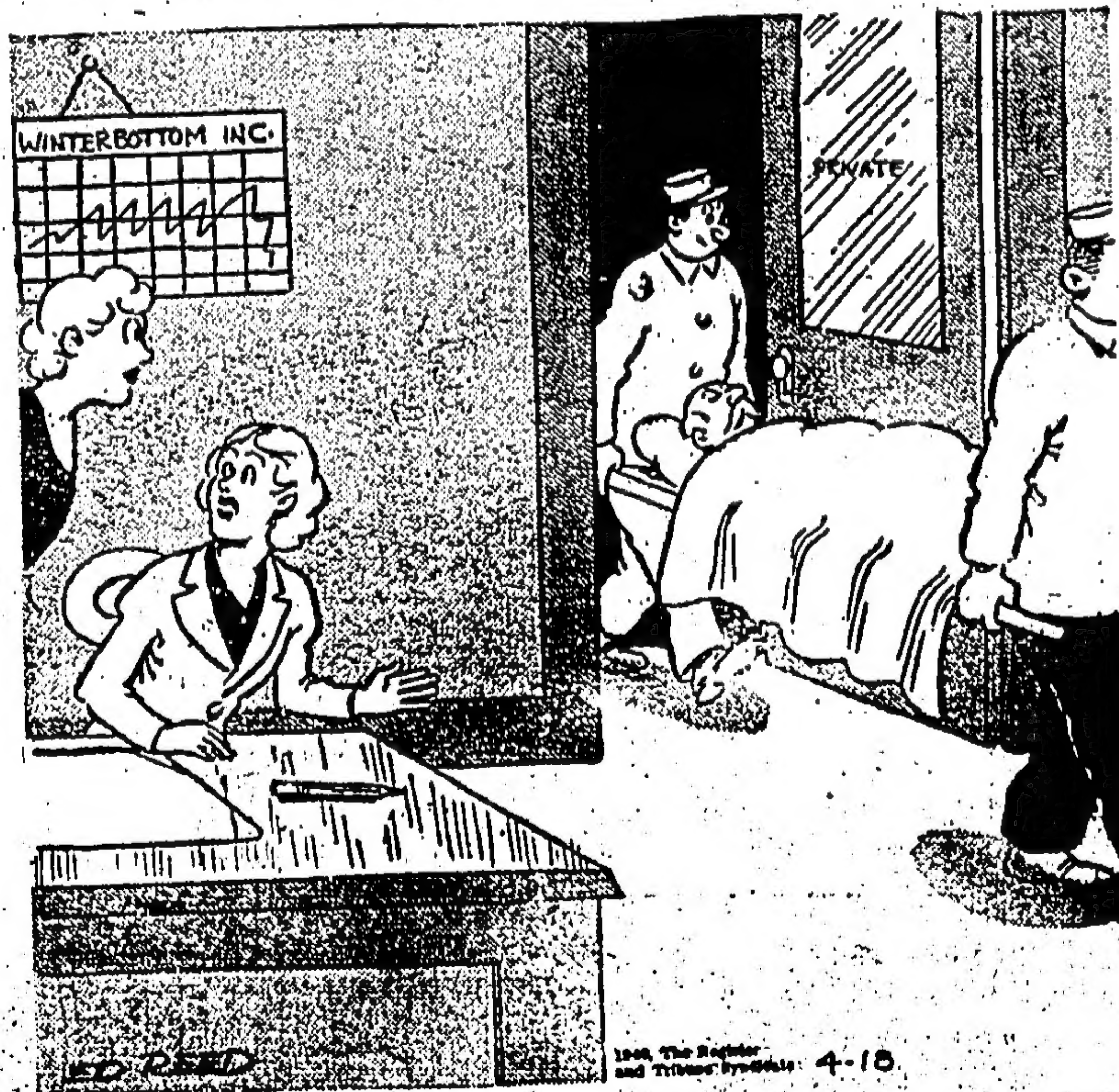
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25 GERMAN DIVISIONS MASS IN BLACK FOREST

Threat To Switzerland Becomes More Evident

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

PARIS, TO-DAY.

THE GERMAN THREAT AGAINST SWITZERLAND IS BECOMING MORE EVIDENT AND IT IS ESTIMATED THAT 25 NAZI DIVISIONS ARE NOW CONCENTRATED IN THE BLACK FOREST, AUTHORITATIVE SOURCES ASSERT.

Furthermore troops movements have been observed in Austria, where German units are being concentrated in Vorarlberg province, opposite Switzerland's north-eastern border.

A German attack would not take Switzerland unawares but would put her in a difficult situation.

The Swiss army amounts to 500,000 well-trained and well-equipped men but part of this army has to be kept on the southern frontier to check any Italian move.

Furthermore the Swiss fear the Germans would try to use the methods they employed in Norway.

Italian-German co-operation in an attack against Switzerland would not constitute a surprise but the French would help and the canton of Valais would become a battlefield where the Italians would have to concentrate large forces.

Franco-Swiss co-operation would be facilitated by the fact that many Swiss officers studied at the French war college.—Havas.

Legation Burns Papers

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

London, To-day.

According to the "Daily Herald" correspondent in Geneva, the British Legation there has burned all the Legation papers.—Havas.

NATHAN RD. MISHAP

Mr. J. S. Dinnen, of the P.W.D., while driving in Nathan Road yesterday, knocked down a four-year-old girl, Li Shek-tin, who was running across the road. The girl was treated at the Kowloon Hospital for slight injuries.

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The action that I would suggest should be taken immediately is—

(a) To appoint a small committee with, if applicable, representatives from each firm occupying the building.

(b) To appoint an official to prepare a co-ordinated A.R.P. scheme for the whole of the building and to take executive charge in times of emergency.

(c) To detail employees to take A.R.P. courses which will enable them not only to instruct the remainder of the employees, but also to act as leaders, should the need ever arise.

As a basis, I would suggest that one individual in every ten should be thoroughly trained in the following subjects:—

(I) The selection of the most suitable place to utilise as a refuge.

(II) The methods which can be employed to make the selected refuge reasonably proof against the effects of blast and splinters from high explosive bombs.

(III) The methods of controlling incendiary bombs and the preventive action which can be taken to prevent the spread of fire.

(IV) Personal protection against the effects of chemical warfare.

(V) Elementary first aid, both for wounded and/or gas casualties.

(VI) Co-ordination with the Air Raid Warden Post situated nearest to their building.

(VII) Knowledge of the Air Raid Warning signals, Lighting Restrictions and Government A.R.P. Organization.

Many firms have already prepared A.R.P. schemes, and to them I would ask for even more employees to be trained, and to other firms, I would earnestly appeal for their co-operation.

It will be asked, how can I assist? My reply is that Government will train free of charge as many employees as may be nominated by the firms concerned.

If managers or owners of premises will be good enough to inform me at the A.R.P. School, Happy Valley, of the number of their employees they wish to be trained, I will gladly arrange for their instruction, either in English or Chinese, at the times and places convenient.

Approximately 3,000 trained Wardens have volunteered for public duty, but their task and that of the essential services will be made easier in the knowledge that all business firms and factories, etc. have trained men and women capable of dealing with any situation which might arise.

A. H. STEELE-PERKINS,
Director of Air Raid Precautions.

THE DUTCH FLORIN

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

New York, To-day.

The Netherlands Indies must not fear a depreciation of the Dutch florin since special precautions have been taken to maintain the stability of the currency there, stated M. Emil Zimmerman, Special Commissioner for Holland's possessions, here yesterday.

The announcement coincides with the report of the transfer of the offices of the Royal Dutch Oil Company to the West Indies and of all Dutch steamship companies with the East to Batavia.—Havas.

MEASURES TO BEAT THE TANKS

London, To-day.

The fortress of Namur is holding out in an area where, in the words of the French communique, the "battle has taken on the characteristic of open warfare."

The official statement has been enlarged upon by an informed French commentator who indicated that a variety of dispersed actions by German mechanised units were in progress and were being countered by the Allied tactics of forces spread in great depth.

In the opinion of this commentator the Allied tactics have been modified from those appropriate to positional warfare to those of a war of movement and were well calculated to succeed in arresting the activities of mechanised columns unsupported by infantry.

Protecting Rear

These provided at the same time the necessary dispositions to eliminate any damage to the rear positions of the Allies.

In this connection it is interesting to note that in the view of experts the engagements of the last few days have already provided considerable evidence of the qualitative superiority of Allied over German tanks both in armament and fire power.

The technique used by the Germans in Poland of pushing forward tank formations has yet to be put to the test of meeting defences with an equal weight of armaments.

It is significant that according to a statement broadcast by Radio Paris, a German mechanised force which had succeeded in penetrating the French lines along the Meuse has been annihilated.

Persistence Costly

Persistent attacks by mechanized units in accordance with this German tactic appear to have been launched in the sector between Namur and Mezieres and also to the north of Namur but it is suggested in reports from agency correspondents at the front that determined resistance, coupled with counter attacks, has made such methods extremely costly. All reports speak of heavy enemy casualties and it would seem the German Command is displaying its characteristic indifference to the cost of its operations in the lives of German soldiers.—British Wireless.

GERMANS SHELL U.S. AMBULANCES

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Paris, To-day.

German shells struck five American ambulances yesterday, Bernhard Wagner, head of the American Volunteer ambulance corps, told Havas.

All the ambulances were marked with the Red Cross and the American flag; two of them were destroyed.

The German artillery firing on the ambulances was directed from the air, Mr. Wagner added.—Havas.

WANG KEH-MIN REPORT DENIED

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Peiping, To-day.

Wang Keh-min, head of the North China political council, contrary to previous reports, is not going to Japan, it is learned from official sources. It is added, however, he intends to resign and live a private life.—Havas.

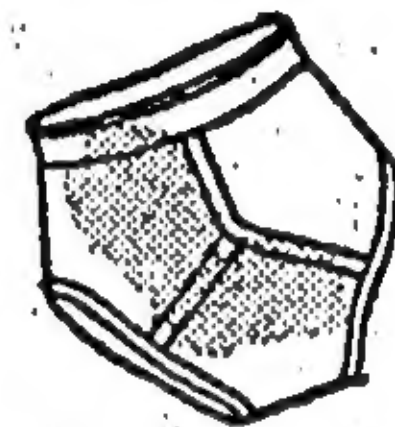


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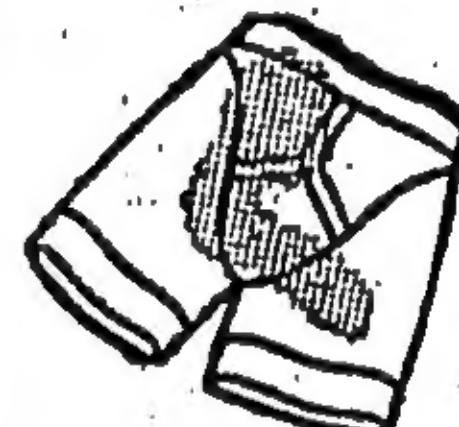
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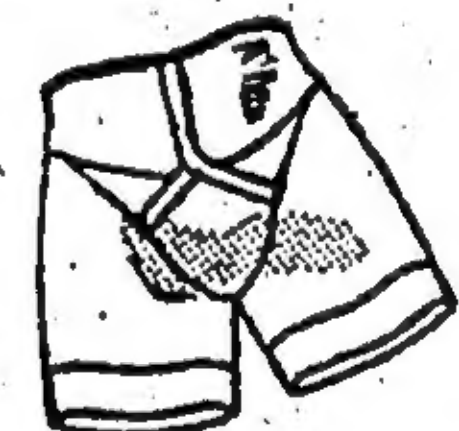
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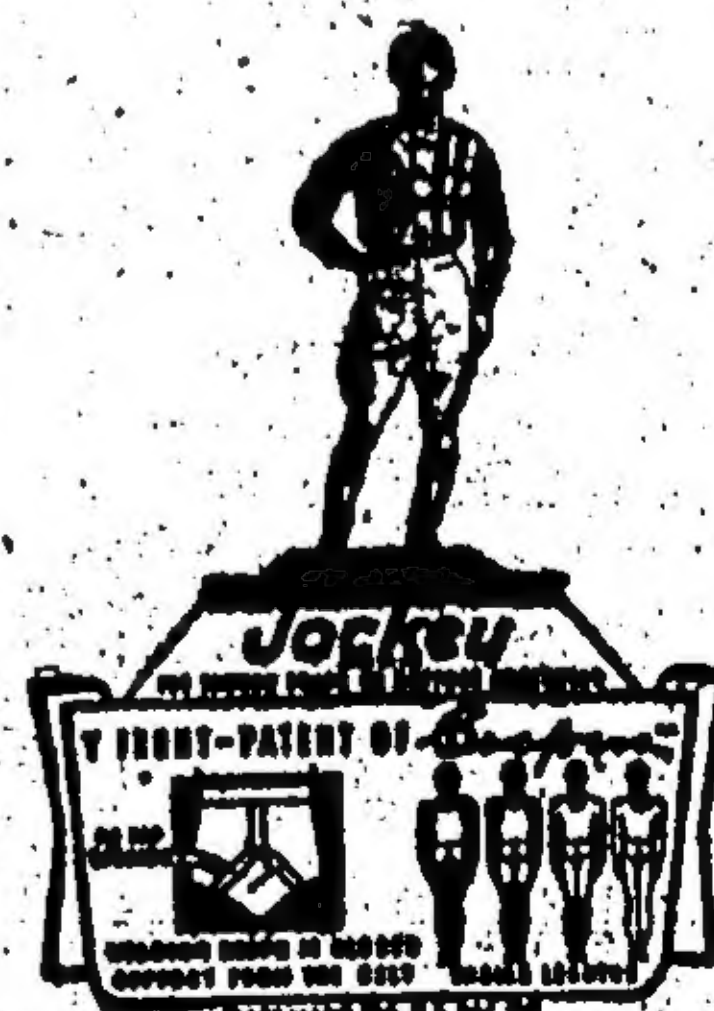


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LONDON, TO-DAY.
SINCE DAWN YESTERDAY WAVE AFTER WAVE OF BRITISH FIGHTER AIRCRAFT HAVE BEEN BOMBING AND MACHINEGUNNING ENEMY POSITIONS AND TROOPS ON THE MARCH IN THE MEUSE VALLEY, SAYS REUTER'S SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT ON THE BELGIAN FRONTIER.

Pontoon bridges have been blown up and roads blocked with debris following the explosion of heavy bombs.

In these operations 35 enemy machines were shot down.

BRITAIN RESPONDS

London, To-day.
The War Office announces that within 24 hours of the appeal for local Defence Volunteers over 250,000 registered.—Reuter.

GERMAN KULTUR IN BELGIUM

Brussels, To-day.
The Belgian Government intends to publish a memorandum on the unprecedented cruelty with which the German army is treating the civilian population.

Photographs are to be reproduced showing particularly how German aeroplanes have pitilessly machine-gunned parties of refugees proceeding along the roads.

The systematic destruction of towns, all of which are not in the fighting zone, is continuing.

Louvain has again become a martyred city while Namur was three-quarters destroyed by aerial bombardment before it was even attacked by land troops.—Reuter.

RATION SYSTEM IN HSINKING

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Hsinking, To-day.

A wheat and flour ticket rationing system will be adopted in the capital in the latter part of June following the enforcement of the same system for the rich. Adults will receive ten lbs a month, children six lbs and adults over 60 only eight lbs.—Havas.

The Air Ministry states that the damage inflicted by Wednesday night's bombing operations on military objectives was extensive and covered a wide area.

The majority of our aircraft—the largest force of R.A.F. bombers yet employed—found and bombed their targets with wonderful effect, causing widespread damage and many explosions and fires.

No opposition was offered by enemy fighters but the ground defences were active.

Direct Hits

Direct hits were scored on a main road, and railway line, and other planes successfully bombed roads leading to a bridge, setting woods alight.

A military encampment was also attacked and a bomber scored a direct hit in the centre of a mechanised column two miles long.

The daily toll inflicted on enemy aircraft is working out at more than three to one in our favour.

Several direct hits were scored on another long mechanised column by Hampden bombers which also attacked road and rail communications.

Only one of our aircraft failed to return.

Night Operations

A night operation was carried out simultaneously by Wellington and Whitney bombers to assist Allied infantry encountering an enemy attack in the Turnhout and Dinant neighbourhood.

Day bombing operations were also carried out in the neighbourhood of Nontherme and Dinant by two squadrons of Blenheim aircraft which caused heavy damage to parked lorries and tanks.

Two Blenheims failed to return. Our fighter pilots had a good day, a total of 50 enemy aircraft being destroyed.—Reuter.

NOT WARNED TO LEAVE BRITAIN

London, To-day.

American citizens have not been warned to leave Britain, although they have been told it is better to leave south-east Europe. The British Government has not advised its nationals to leave Italy for Britain.—Reuter.



Chief Petty Officer George Cock, who weighs 24 stones, and is believed to be the heaviest man in the Navy, is one of the Hardy heroes of Narvik, and is now on leave. He has just had one of the biggest shocks of his career—he had had a knitted jersey sent to him by the Newfoundland War Committee—and much to his surprise he found that it was too large for him! An amusing expression is worn by "Tubby" George Cock, as he views the jersey held up by his sister, Miss J. Cock. (Copyright, Fox).

GERMANY'S OUTRAGES

OTTAWA, TO-DAY.
IN THE SPEECH FROM THE THRONE AT THE OPENING OF PARLIAMENT YESTERDAY THE ACTING GOVERNOR-GENERAL, SIR LYMAN DUFF, SAID THE RECENT OUTRAGES BY GERMANY HAD BUT SERVED TO INTENSIFY "OUR DETERMINATION TO SHARE IN THE WAR EFFORT OF THE ALLIED POWERS AND THE UTMOST OF OUR STRENGTH."

Sir Lyman added the Government had been fortified in this respect by the direct and unquestioned mandate from the Canadian people.

He assured the Earl of Athlone, the Governor-Designate, of an eager and cordial welcome, and paid high tribute to the late Lord Tweedsmuir.—Reuter.

A Bridge Drive for members, subscribers and their friends will be held at the K.C.C. on Thursday, the 30th May, at 8.45 p.m.



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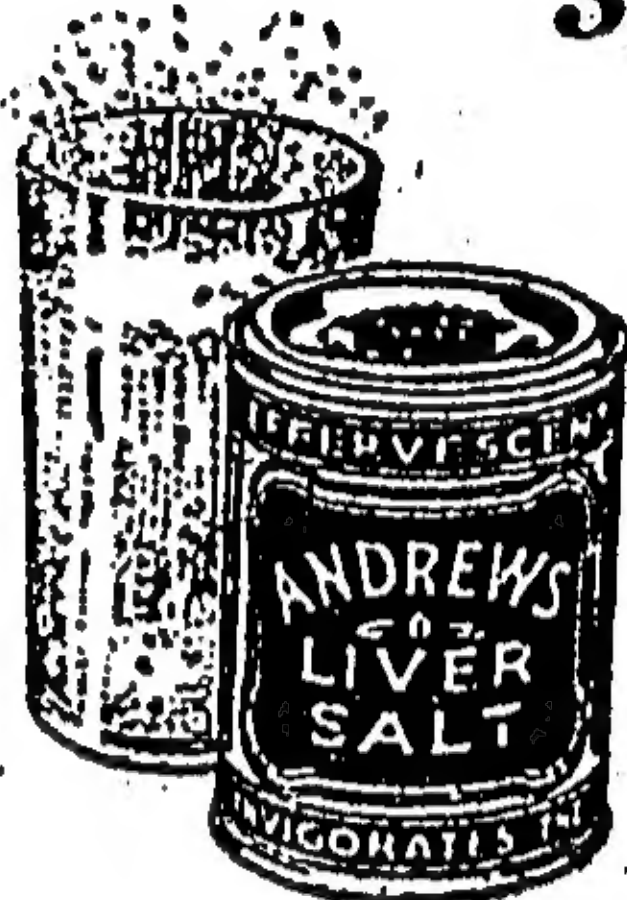
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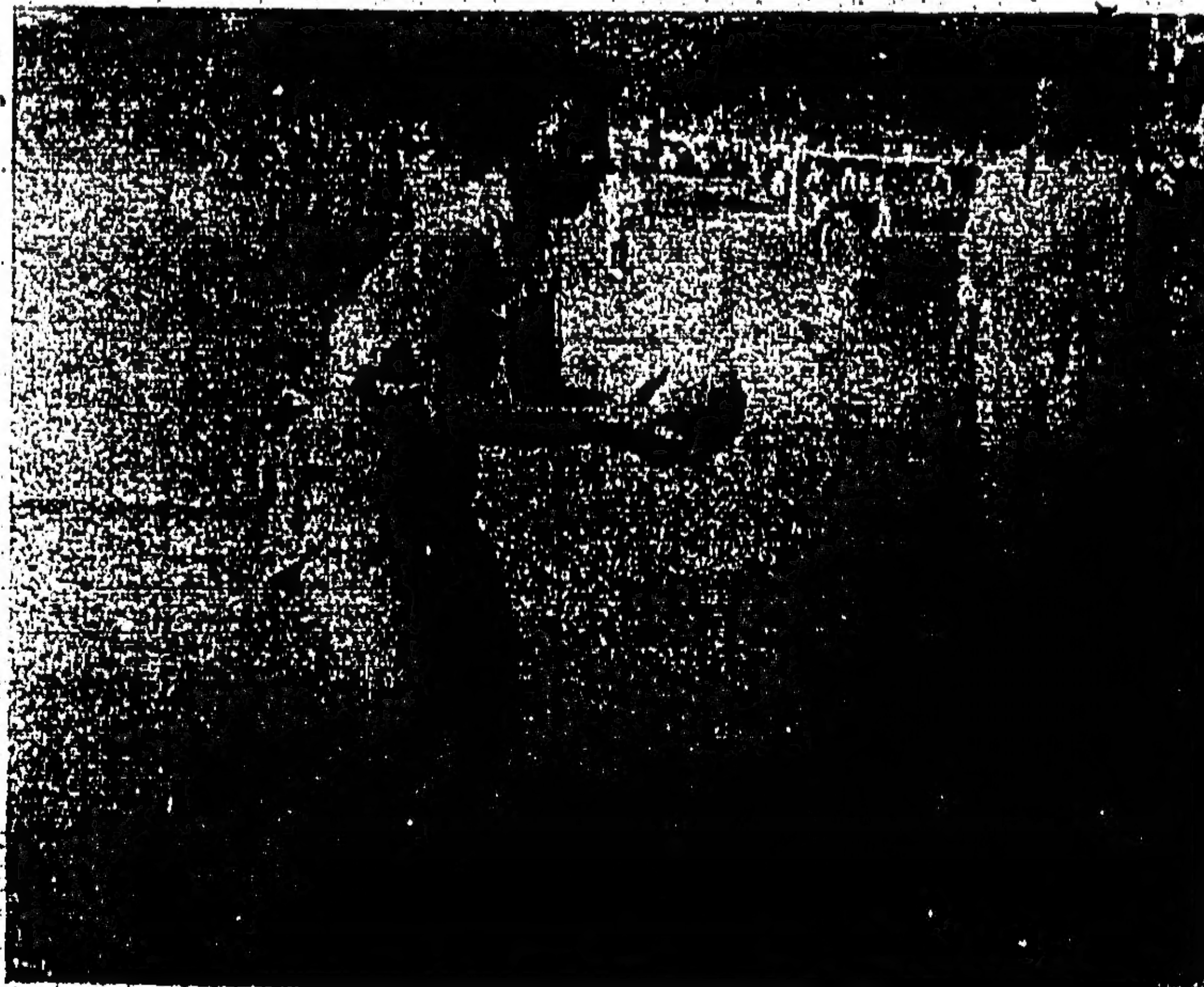
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Roman Catholics celebrated the Solemnity of Our Lady of Fatima on Sunday. Above the procession is shown returning to St. Teresa's Church.



The procession leaving St. Teresa's Church during the celebration last Sunday of the Solemnity of Our Lady of Fatima.



A spot of basketball crept into the Girls and Men's football match at Caroline Hall on Saturday. The match was played for the benefit of funds for China's wounded soldiers.

BIGGEST R.A.F. RAID OF THE WAR On Germany East Of The Rhine

LONDON, TO-DAY.

TWO FEATURES OF YESTERDAY'S OPERATIONS WERE THE BIGGEST R.A.F. RAID OF THE WAR, AND THE FIGHTING WEST OF SEDAN.

The R.A.F. raid, the Air Ministry announced, lasted the whole of Wednesday/Thursday night, 'planes bombing enemy road and rail communications east of the Rhine. Many tons of bombs were dropped and many fires and explosions followed.

The Nazis have kept fairly quiet about the raid, although a passing reference to it is made by the German High Command, which claims that no military objectives were hit but a number of civilians were killed, and that "many bombers only did some damage."

The only reliable news of the operations west and north of the Sedan was contained in the French communiqué, stating that operations were taking on the characteristics of open warfare, in which tanks and 'planes were being used in big numbers, but stating that the "higher interests of the conduct of military operations" prevented any further details being given for the present.

Responsible spokesmen do not deny the position between Namur and Sedan is serious, but assert that the Allied High Command has taken measures necessary to reduce the "pocket" in the French defences at Sedan.

Counter-Attack

Some of the German motorised units which broke through at Sedan got to the rear of the French lines, but by Wednesday evening the French were able to counter-attack.

Presumably, the enemy resumed operations yesterday, but up to a late hour in the afternoon there was no more news.

It is known that there is a great melee of troops and tanks in the area affected, and the enemy is trying to debouch from the bridge-heads he has established. The Allied High Command has taken the necessary dispositions which it hopes will be successful.

To the east and south of Sedan, the enemy is being held and the only activity there is a heavy artillery fire all along the Rhine. French artillery is banging away at German munition and supply dumps, while German artillery is attacking the French forts in the Vosges.

B.E.F. In Action

German attacks on Wednesday on positions held by the British troops between Antwerp and Louvain were successfully held.

Correspondents with the B.E.F. here state that this push is secondary to the main drive further south.

The line runs down to Louvain, then southwards past Namur (which is to its east) and then down to Sedan and the French line.

Namur, like Liege, is now isolated and forming another centre of resistance behind the Nazi advance.

"Resist to the utmost for the Fatherland: I am proud of you," read a message from King Leopold which was broadcast several times yesterday to the commander, officers, N.C.O.'s and men in the forts at Liege.—Reuters.

THRILLING DETAILS OF AIR ATTACK

London, To-day.

AN AIR MINISTRY announcement issued late last evening describes the operations on Wednesday night by the largest force of R.A.F. bombers yet employed. The damage inflicted was extensive and covered a wide area; only one R.A.F. aircraft failed to return.

The announcement reads: "The success of our large-scale bombing attacks on military objectives in Germany is best shown by the attempt in to-day's German High Command communiqué to minimise their importance.

It is however, noteworthy that strict orders were to-day broadcast to the German people to observe the blackout regulations in the interests of the whole nation which "must be spared any damage from the air."

Damage inflicted by the bombing operations was in fact extensive and covered a wide area.

Assisted by moonlight and a detailed knowledge of the country, learned from many previous reconnaissances, the largest force of R.A.F. bombers yet employed in a single operation set out from aerodromes in France and Britain.

Specific Objectives

Each crew was given specific military objectives and instructions that

bombs were not to be dropped indiscriminately.

A few aircraft failed to locate the objectives and did not drop bombs but the majority found and bombed the targets with great effect, causing widespread damage, many explosions and fires.

Long-range heavy bombers of the Whitley, Wellington and Hampden types took part in the operations.

No opposition was offered by enemy fighters but the ground defences were active. Large numbers of searchlights were encountered and the approach of the bombers was the signal for heavy A.A. fire.

Pressed Home

Despite opposition the attacks were pressed home. One Whitley bomber made three separate runs over its target at varying heights. Two direct hits were registered, one on the main road, the other on the railway line, four tracks of metals being plainly visible in the flash of the explosion.

Other Whitleys successfully bombed roads leading to bridges, setting adjoining woods alight, and also attacked a military encampment whose position was revealed by the light of parachute flares.

Another Whitley scored a direct hit in the centre of a mechanised column two miles long.

Railway junctions, main road crossings and important autobahn were among objectives successfully attacked by the Wellington formation.

In Balloon Barrage

One of the Wellingtons, coming down through a layer of cloud to bomb, emerged in the centre of a balloon barrage. By banking steeply the aircraft just managed to escape collision with the cables.

Several direct hits were scored on another long mechanised column by Hampden bombers, which also attacked road and rail communication.

Four minutes after a direct hit had been registered on a railway junction sheets of flame burst up out of the targets.

Another direct hit resulted in an explosion of such force that the aircraft several thousand feet up was rocked by the blast.

In spite of the size and diversity of the operation and the large force employed only one of our aircraft failed to return.

Simultaneously a night operation was carried out by Wellington and Whitley aircraft to assist Allied infantry in countering an enemy attack in the neighbourhood of Thurnhout and Dinant. These aircraft all returned safely.

Dog Fights

Day bombing operations were also carried out in the neighbourhood of Montherme and Dinant by two squadrons of Blenheim aircraft.

In these raids heavy damage was caused to parked lorries and tanks. Two Benhems have failed to return.

Our fighter pilots had a good day. There was no lack of targets and attacks were pressed home from dawn to dusk.

A formation of six Hurricanes attacked 25 Messerschmidt 110s and shot down five. In another case two Hurricanes intercepted nine Messerschmidt 110s and shot down four.

Four other encounters resulted in a loss to the enemy of 20 aircraft. In all during the day 50 enemy aircraft were destroyed.—British Wireless.

SHORTAGE OF COTTON IN MANCHURIA

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Hsinking, To-day.

The Manchurian Cotton Spinners Federation is studying emergency measures to secure an adequate supply of raw cotton, the "Manchuria Daily News" reports.

Spinners have been compelled to curtail work by more than half, and in some cases barely manage to continue producing fabric with 30 per cent. staple fibre.—Havas.

U.S. SENATE ON WAR WITH JAPAN

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Washington, To-day.

A war between the United States and Japan would be so costly that everything must be done to avoid it, the Senate naval committee's report, addressed to the State Department, declared.

The report emphasised that the United States need not fear any aggression as long as the present naval ratio is maintained.—Havas.

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HITLER STAKES ON VICTORY IN 2 MONTHS

Paris, To-day.

"WE MUST AT ONCE FORGE ourselves a soul of
steel. We are full of hope, because we know our
lives count for nothing. One thing alone counts
— Preserve France!" said Premier Reynaud in
an enthusiastically-received speech in the Cham-
ber of Deputies yesterday.

Germany had decided to stake her all, he said. She
had thrown herself on three free people and to-
day aims at the heart of France. The Belgium
of 1914 appears again. Her life and destiny
are closely intermingled with France's.

"Our day of victory will be hers."

Holland had lost her soil and dis-
covered anew that virtue which had
made her great history. She would
be with them until victory is assured.
Germany had let loose all the forces
of destruction, all those tanks and
aeroplanes she had accumulated dur-
ing so many years.

Two Months' Gamble

"Commander-in-Chief Hitler de-
cided to make war to smash France
and dominate Europe and thereafter
the world. Hitler wants to win the
war in two months. If he fails, he
knows he is lost, but he has taken the
risk," M. Reynaud went on.

France was aware of the peril,
which had united the nation. In
both France and Britain all parties
were now represented in the Gov-
ernment. What Goebbels called na-
tions of plutocrats were governed
by men of all classes.

On that day when everything seem-
ed lost, the world would see of what
France was capable. That was no
vain hope or idle world. France's
soldiers were fighting, France's blood
was flowing. They might have to
adopt many new measures. Every-
thing might change—but our men
will not change!"

The Peril

"We are perfectly aware of the
peril. We know that these coming
days, weeks and months will mould
centuries to come. We must not be
satisfied with vague hopes or words.
Our soldiers are fighting and French
blood is flowing.

"The times ahead of us may have
nothing in common with the past.
Revolutionary measures will have
to be taken. We may have to
change everything, methods and
men."

M. Reynaud, after stating every
weakness would be met with the
immediate punishment of death, con-
cluded: "We are full of hope be-
cause we know that our lives count
for nothing."

"One thing alone counts—preserve
France."

Enthusiastic Scenes

Remarkable scenes of enthusiasm
followed, the Deputies standing and
applauding for a long time.

The Chamber adjourned sine die,
the president being empowered to re-
call Parliament if necessary.

M. Reynaud yesterday was facing
the Chamber with his Government of
National Union.—Reuter.

TOTAL LIES

London, To-day.

In connection with the totally false
German radio claim that the King of
England and the President of France
were preparing to leave for Canada
because they feared invasion, semi-offi-
cial quarters here point out that pro-
paganda of this sort will be doubt be
multiplied in the coming weeks.

Total war has begun, they point out,
and as the German propaganda is now
telling the Total Lie.—Reuter.

DEATH AT 98 OF R.E. CHIEF

London, To-day.

General Sir Bindon Blood, Chief
Royal Engineer of the Corps of Royal
Engineers since 1936, died yesterday
at the age of 98.

General Blood, who entered the
Army in 1860, served in the Zulu War,
Afghan War, Egyptian campaign, the
Chitral Relief Force (of which he was
Chief Staff Officer), the Malakand
Field Force and Buner Field Force (of
which he was commander), and the
South African War.

He retired in 1907.—Reuter.

TRIBESMEN OFFER SERVICES

Simla, To-day.

Two thousand Mahsud tribesmen in
the main area of Razmak have in-
formed the Indian Government they
are ready to give active assistance
should India be attacked.

Musa Khan, the noted Mahsud
leader, has sent a separate letter to
the Government offering to raise 20,000
men if required.—Reuter.

25,000 ARRESTS IN BATAVIA

Singapore, To-day.

Reports reaching here from Batavia
state that 25,000 suspects, including
Germans and Dutch citizens of Nazi
sympathies, have been detained by the
police in the Netherlands East Indies.
—Reuter.

DAY OF NATIONAL PRAYER

London, To-day.

It was announced from Bucking-
ham Palace last evening: "It is the
desire of His Majesty the King that
Sunday, May 26 be observed as a
Day of National Prayer on behalf of
the Nation and Empire, of their Allies
and of the cause in which they are
united." — British Wireless

STEEL DARTS IN WAR ON FISHERMEN

London, To-day.

The Germans have gone back to a
World War I weapon in their attacks
on fishing craft—steel darts, 3-inches
long.

The crews of two fishing smacks in
the North Sea were attacked with
darts and machineguns by Nazi planes.
They got home safely, without loss of
life.—Reuter.

AMSTERDAM TRAFFIC RESTRICTED

Amsterdam, To-day.

Traffic in Amsterdam was restricted
between noon and 7.30 p.m. yester-
day, during which time, said the Nazi
announcement, columns of German
mechanised troops would pass through
on their way to Utrecht.—Reuter.

Allied Line Holding At All Vital Points GERMAN THRUST LOSES IMPETUS

REUTER'S SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT WITH THE FRENCH ARMY TELEGRAPHS THAT THE GREAT BATTLE IN THE SEDAN SECTOR, IN WHICH THE GERMANS WERE MAKING A THRUST AT THE HEART OF FRANCE, IS STILL RAGING FURIOUSLY AND MAY LAST SEVERAL DAYS, BUT IT IS NOW APPARENT THE GERMANS FAILED TO PROFIT BY THEIR INITIAL RAPID ADVANCE.

LONDON, TO-DAY.

GREAT HEAPS OF WRECKED TANKS

Brussels, To-day.

M. Paul Spaak, the Belgian Foreign Minister, declared last night that the situation was serious.

He said the German plan consists in attacking only on a limited front on which they pile up such quantities of material and support their attacks with such large air forces that the task of the defenders becomes extremely difficult.

This plan allows the German High Command to ensure territorial gains but at the cost of enormous losses of men and material.

At certain points of the front which have been successively taken and retaken there are literally great heaps of destroyed tanks.

Similarly the German air force continues to stake forces twice or thrice superior to those of the Allies, and is making enormous sacrifices, but the Allies seem already to have grown used to some extent to German air attacks and to the war of movement in which their forces are most often attacked by an invisible enemy.

M. Spaak concluded that despite their fatigue the morale of the troops is excellent, especially since contact was established between the Belgian and Allied troops. Reinforcements are arriving steadily, he said.—Reuter.

A CALMING VOICE

Berne, To-day.

An official statement issued following a number of disquieting reports as far as it affects Switzerland, declares that the European situation has undergone no change during the day.—Reuter.

BUSES OFF THE PARIS STREETS

Paris, To-day.

All buses disappeared from the streets of Paris yesterday. They are required for the transport of refugees.—Reuter.

PLANE DOWNED NEAR PARIS

Paris, To-day.

French fighters yesterday shot down a German reconnaissance machine within 13 miles of Paris.—Reuter.

GREEK MANOEUVRES

Athens, To-day.

Greek troops and aircraft are co-operating in embarkation exercises which will last for a week.—Reuter.

The anxiety which was felt after the first days serious fighting in the region has now been largely dissipated.

The line has held and the Germans kept on the other side of the Meuse. German losses from the French artillery are believed to be heavy.

It is expected the battle will now settle down to violent exchanges of artillery fire as the Germans bring up their guns.

Latest information reaching London indicates heavy fighting is still proceeding in Zeeland, in Holland.

On the eastern side of the dent which they forced in the line about Sedan on Wednesday the Germans are now held. On the west side of the dent the situation is stated to be serious but not critical.

Liege is isolated but appears to be holding out and information suggests Namur may have been isolated, but is not definite on this point. In any case Namur is also holding out.

Heavy Clashes

In north Zeeland heavy fighting is proceeding between troops. The fighting has been particularly heavy in Walcheren and Beveland.

In Belgium, the line still runs roughly east to Antwerp towards Louvain and Charleroi and southwards towards Mezieres and on towards Longwy.

Most serious part of the line is between Dinant and Sedan.

On Wednesday afternoon the Germans launched several attacks on the British, French and Belgian troops.

At Sedan they began violent attacks which by evening seemed to be checked and at certain points the Allied troops made slight progress along the Meuse.

Very Confused

In the Vosges there was heavy artillery fire against the Maginot Line and in the Rhine the French fired up on the German line.

A French message reaching London stated that between Namur and Sedan the situation was very confused.

The Germans profited by their advances on Wednesday and pushed forward armoured columns which penetrated some distance into the French line.—Reuter.

French Communiqué

Paris, To-day.

A French communiqué says the battle as a whole continues with the same intensity. Very sharp encounters have taken place at certain points.

Our bombers, protected by fighters, successfully carried out vigorously led attacks on the enemy's columns of armoured cars which had been located by our reconnaissance aeroplanes.—Reuter.

Greatest Battle in History

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Paris, To-day.

The Allied air forces continue to bomb from a low height the German armoured detachments which succeeded in crossing the Meuse north-west of Sedan.

Military circles in Paris describe the air and land battles as the greatest in any era of the world's history.—Havas.

No Change Since Wednesday

Paris, To-day.

A French War Office spokesman last night said the front had not varied since Wednesday.

Yesterday was a day of regrouping and relative calm. Fighting was going on but it had not been a great battle.

On the Namur-Sedan front, at points where the Germans had crossed the river, they had made some progress but the Allied units were reforming and taking up positions fixed by the High Command.

Relieving units and reinforcements were arriving according to schedule.

At Sedan the French forces were still holding the positions they occupied on Wednesday and the German advances had been contained.

The spokesman denied rumours current in Paris that a German column had penetrated deeply into French territory.—Reuter.

SITUATION GREATLY IMPROVED

Paris, To-day.

A spokesman of the Ministry of Information stated yesterday afternoon: "A very marked improvement has taken place in the situation in regard to the penetration of the 'German armoured columns at Sedan.'"

R.A.F. bombers had surpassed everything it was thought possible for them to do during the past 24 hours.

The spokesman explained that a short time had elapsed before measures were taken to deal with this column owing to the necessity for collating reports of their progress in order to make the counter-blow as hard as possible.—Reuter.

B.E.F. in Contact

London, To-day.

A communiqué issued by General Headquarters of the British Expeditionary Force says the B.E.F. are in contact with the enemy and fighting is in progress.

Attacks on Louvain have been repulsed.—Reuter.

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ROME, TO-DAY.

THERE IS A WIDESPREAD FEELING IN ROME TO-DAY THAT EVEN IF THE GOVERNMENT HAS DECIDED UPON EVENTUAL BELLIGERENCY THE PRESENT STATE OF ALARM MAY CONTINUE FOR SOME TIME.

The sailing of the "Conte di Savoia" is taken as indication of at least a fortnight's peace since it is thought Italy would not care to risk her seizure in the Atlantic.

Meanwhile the press continues its whole-hearted support of Germany.

It is nevertheless clear that anxiety is growing daily among the masses regarding the present operations, and many a prayer is being uttered that Germany shall be speedily crushed.

Meanwhile, says a Cairo message, Italians in Egypt are being quietly advised by their local consulates to leave that country.

Americans are being unofficially advised to be ready for possible evacuation.

The Egyptian authorities have begun the evacuation of areas at Heliopolis, which is a suburb of Cairo, and Alexandria and the neighbourhoods of aerodromes and other military targets. —Reuter.

Guard On Legation Withdrawn

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Rome, To-day. The authorities last night withdrew the guard placed outside the Yugo-Slav Legation. No further anti-Yugo-Slav or anti-Allied demonstrations have taken place. —Havas.

Italy Calm

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Rome, To-day. Italy is calm and no anti-foreign demonstrations are taking place. The press and radio made no mention of President Roosevelt's message to Mussolini. —Havas.

Alarming Message

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Washington, To-day. President Roosevelt's message to Mussolini, it is learned, was connected with an alarming message received in Washington on Tuesday that Italy was entering the war. —Havas.

Americans Leaving

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Belgrade, To-day. Americans in Yugoslavia are preparing to leave as soon as possible. —Havas.

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Budapest, To-day. American residents are considering sending their children home, although they have not yet received any official instructions. The U. S. Embassy Staff will stay here. —Havas.

GOT TEN YARDS

Kwan Cheung, 30, was sentenced to four months' hard labour by Mr. R. Edwards this morning, for stealing \$100.

Det. Sergt. Cashman said that a Chinese was leaving the Canton wharf with \$100 in his hand, after he had shown it to the Police. Defendant snatched it and ran but was arrested about 10 yards away.

BIG ROUND UP IN BRITAIN

London, To-day.

Hundreds of motor-cars were used by Scotland Yard yesterday to collect the large number of aliens being rounded up in England under the new decree aimed at "Fifth Columnists." Some 3,000 are affected, and they are all in the "doubtful" category, who were not interned but could only move around under strong police restrictions. —Reuter.

HOLLAND UNDER YOKE

London, To-day.

The heel of Attila is already being felt in German-occupied Holland.

Many decrees have been broadcast, calling for a census of cattle, restricting the buying of clothes and forbidding anyone to buy more than one day's supply of food.

The decree on petrol states: "There is very little left and further supplies are not expected. Therefore, it is necessary to use as little as possible."

Severe penalties are threatened and anyone found with firearms not covered by a German licence will be shot. —Reuter.

SWISS SHOOT DOWN NAZI PLANE

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Lausanne, To-day. The General Staff declares in a communique that a Swiss chaser plane engaged a German bomber 3,000 feet over Zurich yesterday.

The anti-aircraft defence also opened fire. The bomber was compelled to land and burst into flames.

Two members of the crew were injured and interned and the other two escaped and are now being hunted down. —Havas.

WOMEN IN NAZI FIFTH COLUMN

London, To-day.

New information about the methods of German parachutists in Holland is being gathered in London.

Each party was apparently allotted a special role. Each had detailed instructions, and individual Dutch officers whom it was considered advisable to shoot were specified by name and residence.

The parachute troops were assisted by troops smuggled into Holland before the war, as well as by Dutch Nazis.

Germans living in The Hague knew exactly what was going to happen. Each knew his particular task.

There is little doubt that, in the Fifth Column activities, women also played a part. —Reuter.

ZEESSEN'S 'BEAUTIFUL PICTURE'

Berlin, To-day.

Early yesterday morning, the German radio told the German people a thrilling tale of how the world was gazing in wonder at the marvels of courage the German Army was displaying in Holland, Belgium and France.

"The Fuehrer long ago foresaw this beautiful picture of the future which is now realised on the battlefields of the West," the announcer went on, unblushingly.

The German press trumpets that the battle is the decisive hour for the German people and that they must forget the great sacrifice of life and think only of the outcome—which will be to give Germany a great world empire and make her the mightiest nation in the world. —Reuter.

GREEK PRECAUTIONS

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Athens, To-day. Greece is reported to have sent troops to the Albanian frontier. —Havas.

WEATHER REPORT

The Royal Observatory reports that a moderate anticyclone has developed over North China. Shallow depressions are situated over Indo-China and Japan.

SHA-UE-CHUNG RAID

A Japanese plane bombed Sha-ue-chung yesterday afternoon according to Chinese reports to-day.



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SCHOOLBOY LOVER SHOT GIRL AT HOMEWORK

New York, April 27.

A SIXTEEN-YEAR-OLD schoolgirl was shot dead by her schoolboy lover while doing her homework in the lounge of her home at Abington, Pennsylvania. The bullet was fired through a window after night had fallen.

Police later stated that Robert Heinman, aged sixteen, had confessed to the crime. To-day detectives examined nearly 100 love letters found in the girl's scented handbag.

Wife May Keep Her Job

A recommendation to discontinue to employ a woman teacher if she marries a soldier, was not accepted by the Morecambe and Heysham Town Council by a large majority.

Smiling Killer Hanged

Ernest Edmund Hamerton, twenty-five, kitchen porter, who smiled when he was sentenced to death for the murder of his sweetheart and again when his appeal was dismissed, was executed at Wandsworth Prison.

At 31 She Is A

Grandmother

A mother at fourteen and a grandmother at thirty-one is the record of Mrs. Ella Chaffee, of Providence, Rhode Island.

By the time she was eighteen she was the mother of five children.

Her oldest child, aged seventeen, has just given birth to a daughter.

Gale Ends 71-Mile Swim

A fifty-five-mile-an-hour gale has defeated Paul Chotteau, French long-distance swimmer, in his attempt to swim the seventy-one miles across Florida Strait from the Bahamas to West Palm Beach.

He covered forty-six miles in fourteen hours, twelve minutes.

Chestnut-haired Edith Synder, voted the most popular girl at Abington High School, was studying history in the lounge of her home when, raising her eyes, she saw a shadow at the window.

PIERCED HER HEART

"Look," she cried to her seventeen-year-old brother, Edwin, lounging on a sofa. Then a bullet came through the window and pierced Edith's heart. With a sigh she felt dead in Edwin's arms.

A next door neighbour, Mr. William McBride, rushing to a window when he heard the shot, saw a tall figure hurry across the lawn and jump into a car, which vanished into the darkness.

Called by Edith's weeping mother, detectives toured the neighbourhood rousing high school girls and boys from their beds in an attempt to solve the mystery.

Many boys, the detectives learned, were in love with Edith. In her bedroom they found a scented handbag crammed with love notes, some tied with ribbon.

Later came the news that Heinman had confessed.

Last Quad Dies

Baby Harry Morgan, the one-and-a-half pound survivor of the Glamorgan quads, has died in the Glamorgan General Hospital, Aberdare.

Ever since he was born, on March 7, the baby has been fed with milk from a fountain-pen filler. Lying in a heated bag, he was surrounded by hot-water bottles and wrapped in cotton wool.

His mother, Mrs. Margaret Morgan, aged 34, who is in hospital, is "as well as can be expected."



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For Nazis

The luminous stocking is the latest German invention. It is on show at the Leipzig Fair and is claimed to be "perfect for hard wear and washing."

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Throat Cut By

Dead Man

A barber in Bodenburg, near Hanover, Germany, had a heart attack and dropped dead while he was shaving a customer, says Reuter.

As he fell, his razor cut the customer's throat and he, too, died before help arrived. The story is reported by the official German news agency.

R.A.F. Battle Dress

Battle dress is being tried out in the R.A.F. in France. There has been an experimental issue of sixteen battle suits to airmen and N.C.O.s who have been asked to report on their suitability.

First impressions are unfavourable. Some men say they prefer overalls.

One grievance is that the suits do not bear the wings normally worn on the sleeves of R.A.F. airmen's uniforms.

Dying Woman

Clears Him

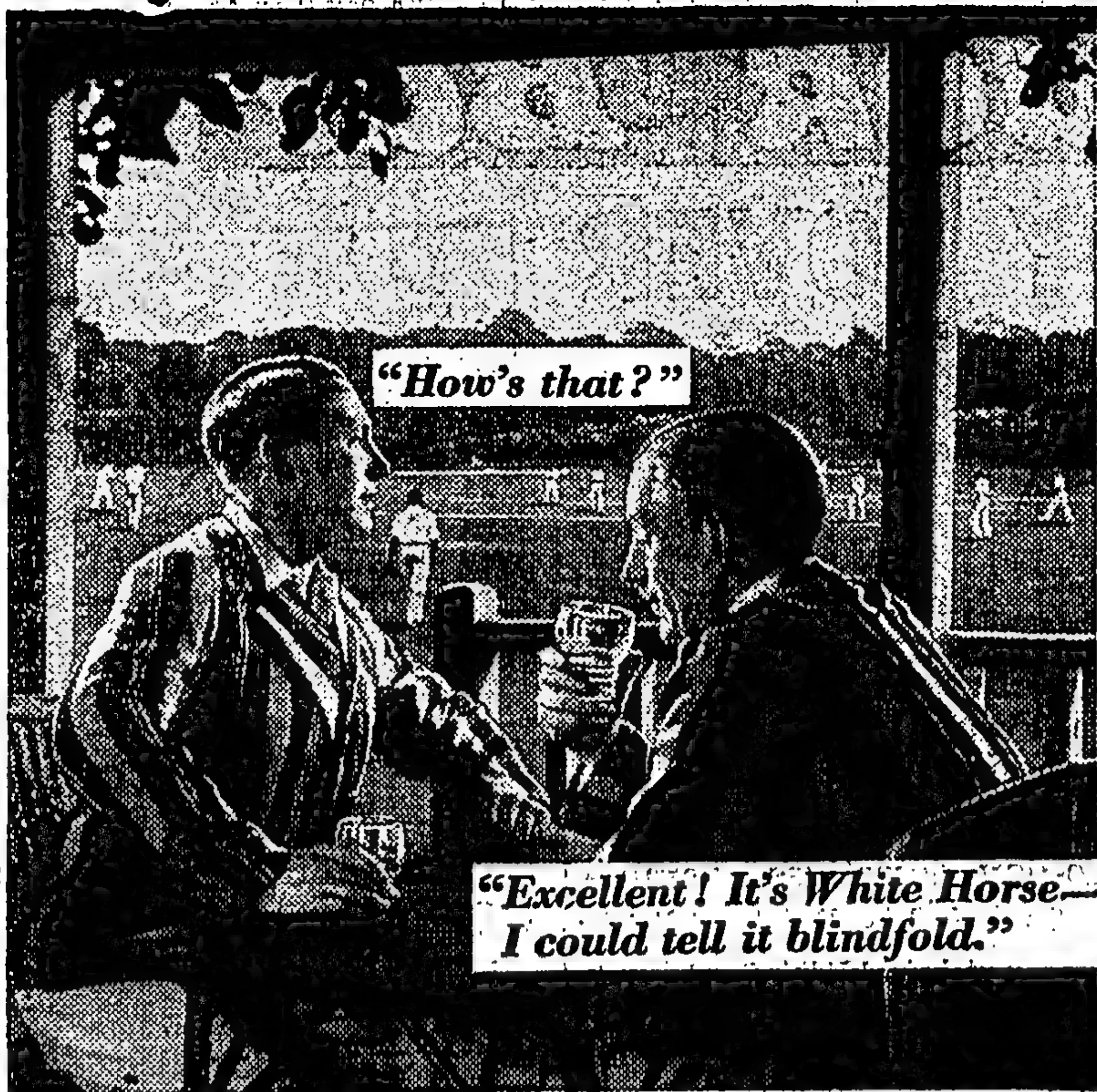
Before she died from injuries received through being knocked down by a car in Trinity-road, Wandsworth, London, S.W., Mrs. Elizabeth Sabina Fairbank, sixty-eight, of Holderness-road, Tooting, S.W., told her husband that she did not blame the driver.

She said the driver did all in his power to help her after the accident, and if he had gone on she would have been run over by a bus that was approaching.

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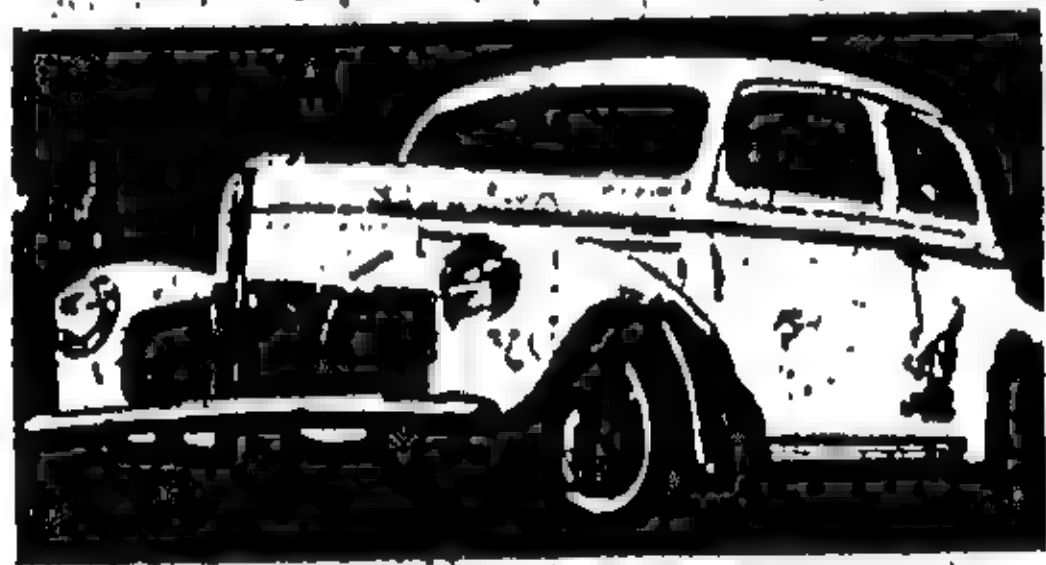
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SHORT STORY

THE BLINDING LIGHT

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HERE he was, not fifty, with a good business, property, money in the bank, and without the expense of wife or children. What more could a man want. Life was perfectly satisfactory to Abel Lean till he had what he thought was a sharp attack of indigestion. He went to a doctor expecting to get a bottle of medicine, but instead he was given strict orders to go away and rest. He said indignantly that he had no time to rest, and the doctor, quickly sizing him up, told him sharply that if he didn't rest here he'd soon be resting in his grave.

Abel went away appalled and resigned himself to taking his first holiday.

He found just what he wanted in the Isle of Man, and he arranged to get a room and attendance at the house of a Mrs. Mylchreest. He beat her down two shillings, though the smallness of her charges had amazed him. Terrible to think of being married to a woman like that, a woman who had no business head. She was between forty-five and fifty, and though she was inclined to be heavy she had a very gentle walk. She talk-

ed slowly and quietly. Her light-brown hair was hardly streaked with white. She had grey, serious, worried eyes.

She had one son, Christian, who was soon to be married. Abel had done a great deal of skilful gossiping at the barber's, and he had discovered that Mrs. Mylchreest was worried about her son's marriage, because the young couple would be living with her and she would have to hand over the management of the house to the new wife. Christian had kept the home going since he was seventeen, when his father had been drowned. He had inherited his father's boat, and in spite of some bad times had never parted with it. He was a skilful fisherman.

Idleness was so unfamiliar to Abel that he found quite a bit of pleasure in gossip, and, sitting in the kitchen watching Mrs. Mylchreest roll pastry, though she didn't like to be watched, he said inquisitively, wanting to know more. "I believe your son's getting married."

He expected some fencing or else a plea for sympathy, but she answered quite simply. "Yes, he's going to get

married, and to a real good girl too."

"Where are you going to live?"

"Here," she answered. "Christian couldn't keep two homes going."

"So it will make no difference to you?"

"It will make a lot of difference," she said soberly. "I've been mistress of this house since I was married."

"And now you'll have to take a back seat."

"Well, Essie has the same right as I had. I wouldn't have liked my husband's mother pushing me out, and I won't do it to Essie."

"Then you won't mind?"

"Yes, I do mind. I'm going to feel it. A woman gets set in her own ways, and I've always done everything here, everything. And Essie won't be able to help out with a boarder now and again as I've done, because I'll be taking up the boarder's room. But it'll work out all right. I hope so. Though," she said longingly, "I'd like a little place of my own, if it was only a two-roomed cottage where I could light my own fire in the morning and put my own kettle on and arrange my own day."

Abel's sense of his own power filled him with such emotion that for a moment he couldn't speak. A two-roomed cottage would be heaven to this woman. And he had three streets of houses, as well as the one he lived in.

In the open doorway a man appeared. He was a very old man with a long white curly beard and thick white hair. Though his clothes were not in rags and his face was clean, he gave the impression of poverty.

"Good morning, mistress," he said in a deep, dignified voice.

"Good morning, Corney," answered Mrs. Mylchreest gladly, "sit yourself down there." She drew out a chair and he sat down, his noble head sinking on his chest.

"Like a cup of tea, Corney?"

"No, thank you. I've just had two cups with Mrs. Kinrade."

"A bowl of broth then. It wouldn't take me a minute warming it up."

"I'd a big bowl of broth with Mrs. Quine."

"Well then, what would you like?" "I could do with a piece of bacon fat to give a bit of flavour to my bread in the morning, and a twist of tea to put in my pot."

Mrs. Mylchreest fetched down her canister from the mantel-piece, took out considerably more than a twist of tea, wrapped a slice of bacon in clean paper, and making a parcel handed it to the old man, who took it with the utmost composure.

He might be getting something he's paid for, thought Abel indignantly.

"I'll be going now," said Corney.

"There's no hurry, is there?"

"I see you have company," he said, and turned his venerable head towards Abel. He had sea-blue eyes, and there was an amazing stillness in them. Strange eyes, thought Abel. He watched the old man walk with his natural dignity to the door, and as soon as he had gone said heatedly, "I call that pretty cool, coming round to people's houses hinting for charity."

"Corney's no need to hint."

"Hm. You'd think he'd take what he could get instead of asking for bacon and tea."

"If he didn't say what he wanted how would I know what to give him? There'd be no sense in making tea for a man who's just had two cups, or warming up a bowl of broth when he's no room for it."

"I think he's got a nerve."

Mrs. Mylchreest didn't answer, and Abel went out for his afternoon walk. His mind was still on the old man and his strange behaviour. He thought that a beggar should at least pretend to be destitute. That was only decent. If he made out he was starving he had some excuse for begging, but to walk in like a lord, admitting he'd had tea and broth, and then to ask for tea and bacon—it was preposterous. And to encourage such men was encouraging vagrancy. It was a slur on men who worked.

"Who ever gave me anything for

nothing?" said Abel to himself. "Everything I have I've worked for." He couldn't help but think about the incident, and after a time he found himself unsatisfied with Mrs. Mylchreest's explanation. He felt that there was more in the whole business than met the eye. People didn't give luxuries to beggars unless they had good reason.

By degrees it came to him—the old man wasn't poor at all. He had a good big nest egg hidden away, and Mrs. Mylchreest knew it. So did Mrs. Quine and Mrs. Kinrade. They were giving sprats to catch a mackerel.

How much had the old boy put by? wondered Abel. If he had been living on others for years it might be considerable. Abel felt kindled. The very word money had an attraction for him, and the thought came: why shouldn't he compete with Mrs. Mylchreest, Mrs. Quine, Mrs. Kinrade and all the rest of them for the old man's money? He could give bigger bribes than they could with their cups of tea, bowls of broth and slices of bacon.

His lassitude, already decreased by the vital air, almost vanished. He made his plans and didn't let the name of Corney pass his lips until a fortnight later, when he asked Mrs. Mylchreest where he lived.

"In the open generally," she said, "but he can sleep if he likes in a barn Mr. Caine, the farmer, always has ready for him."

So Mr. Caine, the farmer, was another competitor! Abel nearly sniggered. He had never played games, but now understood their allure. They combine ambition with amusement.

"Does he wander about, then?" he asked.

"No. He's fixed up a place for himself not far from Mr. Caine's by a clump of bushes."

Abel set out, and when he drew near Mr. Caine's farm he stood still and looked round. He soon spotted the clump of bushes. There was a fire burning near it, and beside it the old man sat attending to a kettle.

Abel walked up to him. "Good morning," he said cheerfully.

"Good morning," said the old man, raising his calm, unimpressible eyes to his visitor. Those eyes interested Abel. They showed neither pleasure nor discomfiture, not even curiosity. Abel wanted to snigger again. No wonder the old man could look like that, living on others with his own money tucked away. Nothing but money could have given him such dignity, Abel was certain.

"Can I give you a cup of tea?" asked Corney, turning his majestic head towards the kettle.

"No, thank you, I've just had some."

Corney made tea for himself, perhaps out of the twist Mrs. Mylchreest had given him, thought Abel mirthfully. He watched Corney put a kipper on a frying-pan and begin to cook it. So someone had given him a kipper! There was still another competitor. Abel, who wasn't used to laughter, felt laughter bubbling within him. He had to complete with kippers now as well as tea, broth, bacon and a barn. He looked at Corney with something like admiration. He thought that the old boy was a knock-out.

"I've a little surprise for you," he said, thinking how appetising was the smell of tea and kipper in the open air. "I've bought a little cottage, the White Cottage in the Orry road, and I want you to live in it as long as you like."

"Thank you," said Corney, turning his kipper.


The old—Abel didn't know what to say or think. He might at least have looked pleased, but there he sat calmly turning his kipper without a smile on his face. It might have been the most ordinary thing in the world for one man to offer a cottage to another. But his behaviour, maddening as it was, was final proof to Abel that he was rich. His acceptance of the loan of the cottage was not a poor man's acceptance. It was the acceptance of a rich man, a man who knew that if he liked he could buy a cottage for himself.

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IT is one of the features of history that nations which have trouble with their own internal affairs generally seek to divert the attention of the people to foreign problems. The French revolutionaries set Europe ablaze by their zeal for republicanism and Queen Elizabeth was quite an expert in distracting public attention from home politics to distant problems and exploits. It was Shakespeare who put into the mouth of Henry IV the well-known words of advice to Henry V.

"Busy giddy minds with foreign quarrels

That action hence borne out may waste the memory of the former years."

Hitler is certainly trying to waste the memory of his former years. Having accustomed his people to the practice of brutality, cruelty and treachery and having given rein to the strong strain of sadism in them as they tortured the Jews and Bolsheviks in the concentration camps, they then progressed still further downward when they came to deal with the weaker nations such as Poland and Czechoslovakia.

Here no restraint of any kind was exercised as is proved by the reports made to the Pope by the Catholic bishops in the country. It is simply one long record of evil doing. Words

By "CIVIS"

are not available to describe the stark horror and inhuman behaviour of the German conquerors. The Germans have touched depths of viciousness of which no one suspected the human being to be capable, and so it goes on. Now the Germans have merely been in training through these methods. The brutalising of the nation is now complete and the internal discontent demands that other fields should now be conquered. Its effects are already seen in the ghastly war that is now being waged.

It has, for example, always been an accepted axiom that soldiers should be dressed as soldiers and not as civilians, but Germany finds that sabotage behind the lines is much more easily accomplished by parachutists who are disguised as peasants, policemen, clergy men or, even as nuns and therefore the rule of warfare is promptly ignored. If one of these men is shot for the violation of international law, Germany will immediately, the Fuehrer says, on her part violate international law again by shooting 10 French prisoners. But why speak of rules, laws or human conduct where Germany is concerned? They do not exist. What can the Allies do in such a case? Must they descend to these low levels and compete with the Germans in this terrible form of warfare? Will each side go on devising with more and more ingenuity newer forms of frightfulness, thinking thereby to strike horror into the hearts of the enemy and so paralysing their efforts. Germany has taken steps to eliminate every possible sign of pity, gentleness, and decency. The problem is whether such an enemy can really be overcome by those who are not forgetful of the moral and religious code in which they have been steeped.

Air Reprisals

It may be, however, that such frightfulness is evidence of internal weakness and of the need of greater support than the modern weapons of war provide for Germany. These threats of reprisals of the worst kind are meant to make the task of conquest easier. In Germany the Nazi party found this to be the royal road to power, for the opposition preferred its life to its liberty; it chose to submit when held up by the Nazi gangsters, rather than defend its honour. The tameness and docility of the German however within the nation is no indication of the mind of Norwegians, Dutchmen or Belgians who, strange as it may seem to German eyes prefer death to dishonour. This

THE BLINDING LIGHT

(Continued from 16)

Abel went away exhilarated. He had never gambled till now. He felt like a man who has bought fifty sweep-stake tickets. He knows he isn't certain of a prize, but he also knows that he has fifty times more chance of winning it than the owners of only one ticket.

And the cream of the joke was that while the others would lose their tea, broth, bacon, barn and kippers when Corney died, he would still have his cottage, which he could either let or sell at a profit.

In a way Abel felt quite sorry for the poor little schemers who were his rivals. They hadn't his equipment mental or material.

He went back and found a letter from his manager which decided him to go home at once, instead of waiting till Saturday as he had intended. He was careful to make a pleasant farewell parting with Mrs. Mylchreest, for he was depending on her to let him know now Corney was getting on. He gave her his address, was very affable, and said—he would write.

He hadn't been home four days when a letter came from her.

"Dear Mr. Lean," she wrote in awkward writing which showed she wasn't used to holding a pen.

I hope you are well. Poor Corney died suddenly yesterday and he has left me his cottage. The minister came and told me. It is all your doing.

Yours truly,
Margaret. Mylchreest.

Abel had to read the letter several times before he could believe it, and then he was furious. The impudent cunning of the woman! She thought she could rush him into letting her have the cottage. She didn't know the sort of man she had to deal with. He made arrangements at once to leave for the island, and in five hours he was knocking at Mrs. Mylchreest's door. She opened it, and as soon as he saw her face he had to admit that it was not guile which had made her write the letter but sheer ignorance.

"Come in," she said affectionately, and for the first time she led him into the kitchen of her own accord.

"I'll put the kettle on," she said, breathing, moving talking with the same rapture that her face expressed.

"How much did he leave?" asked Abel, determined to have his curiosity on that point satisfied before he tackled the other affair.

"Who? Corney? Why, he had nothing to leave."

"Nothing?"

"How could he? He hadn't done a stroke of work since his accident."

"What accident?"

"The accident that blinded him."

"You didn't tell me he was blinded."

"Everybody knew Corney was blind," she said in surprise. "Couldn't you see it?"

"I thought he had strange eyes, but I didn't think he was blind. He didn't walk like a blind man. I saw him boil a kettle, make his own tea—"

"Yes, he could do anything. He'd been blind so long."

makes a difference and for this the Germans by their training are not prepared.

If fear is the secret weapon the Germans intend to exploit, they will find it break within their hands, since they have already given proof of the potency of this instrument in their internal affairs. Would any of the democratic people have been so easily cowed into submission as the German people themselves? Only a very small, though heroic minority have preferred the concentration camp to an uneasy conscience. That being so what will happen when retaliation follows on this policy, as obviously it must. Quite clearly if Germany as part of her policy of frightfulness sets the fashion of bombing cities the Allies will follow it to its bitter conclusion, and the effect on the German population will be more profound than Hitler imagines.

It is the nation which is most afraid which resorts to these desperate means of striking fear into the hearts of others, and which will suffer most when it has to face the ordeal of terror from the skies.

Abel felt confused. All his thoughts on the matter were being overturned. These people had been feeding Corney all along without a hope of return!

"Now, Mr. Lean," she said, speaking tenderly as she turned upon him her serious grey eyes, not worried now, "why do you make yourself look so hard and talk so hard when you have such a soft heart? You gave Corney that lovely cottage without saying a word about it."

"Gave? Gave? he said, and his indignation prevented him from saying more. He had to gasp for breath. "Now please, Mrs. Mylchreest," he said firmly, "I—"

"Oh, you won't stop me, Mr. Lean. You won't stop me from thanking you and saying what I think. I know the sort of man you are. You hide your light under a bushel. You never let your right hand see what your left hand gives."

"Let's get this straight."

"There's been a miracle, Mr. Lean, and you've brought it to pass."

He was standing up now, for he really could bear no more of it. He wanted to shout to her that the cottage was not hers, and that Christian could keep his fowls, but placing her hands affectionately on his shoulders she pressed him gently back in his chair.

"I worried and worried," she said, "about what I would do when Christian got married. I prayed for a home of my own. I didn't see how it would come. But it has come."

She stopped at last and turned to the kettle which was boiling. Now he could speak. He intended to say, kindly but very firmly, that he had only lent Corney the cottage, but instead, quite different words came from his mouth.

"It will have to be done legally," he said faintly. You must come with me to a solicitor."

And then he closed his eyes. For he was giving away a hundred pounds, and it didn't hurt.

Pleadingly he looked at Mrs. Mylchreest.

"Have a cup of tea, now do," she said kindly.

"Yes," he answered, "I'll have a cup of tea."

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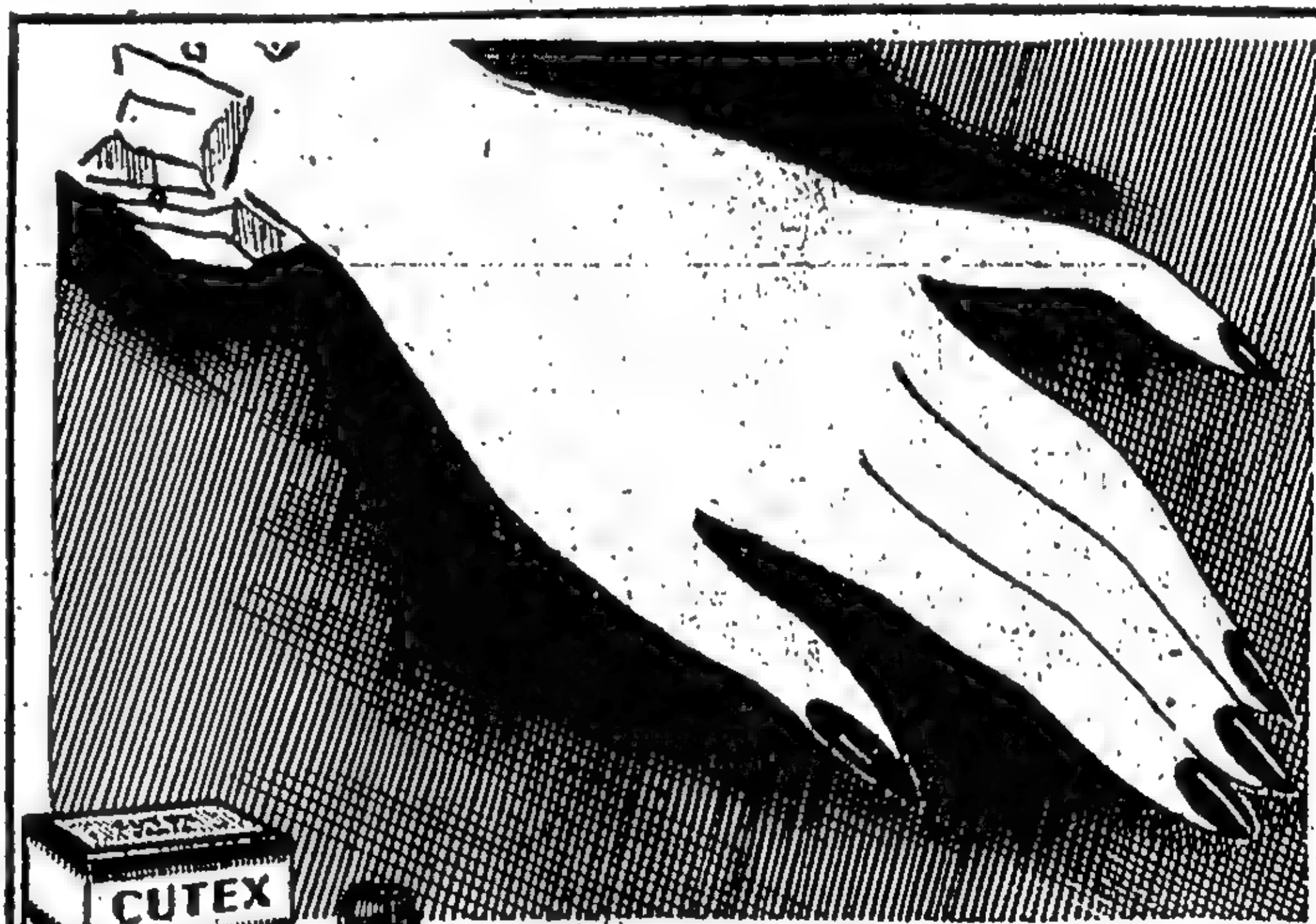
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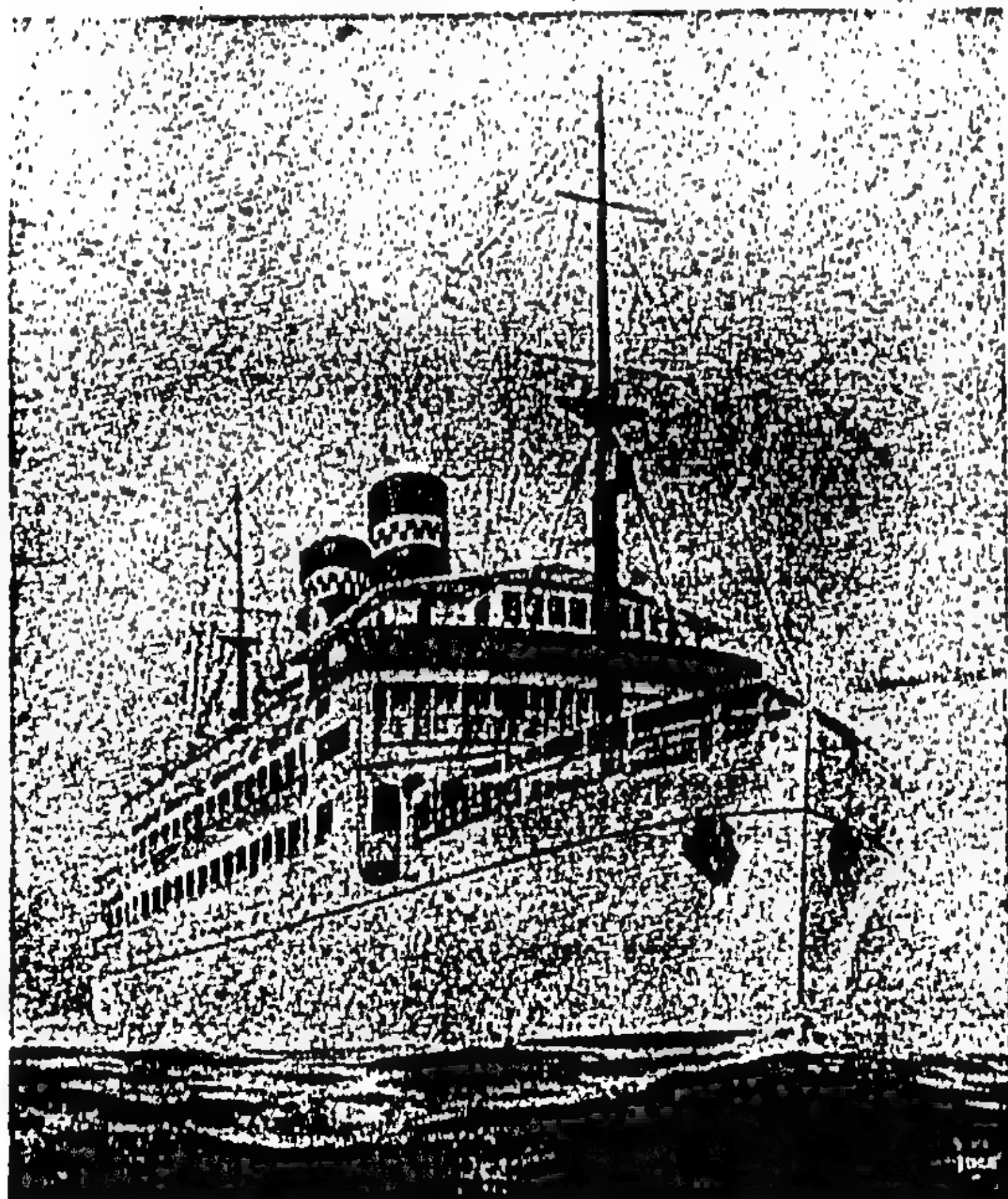
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GREETINGS OF EMPIRE PREMIERS

London, To-day.

The Premier, Mr. Winston Churchill, has exchanged messages with Mr. R. G. Menzies (Australian Premier), Mr. Mackenzie King (Canadian Premier), Mr. Peter Fraser, (New Zealand Premier) and General Smuts (South African Premier) on his assumption of the office of Prime Minister.

The message to the first three sent greetings, and referred to the unity of the British Commonwealth against tyranny and barbarism and the waging of the war to an end.

The Dominions Premiers replied assuring Mr. Churchill of their fullest co-operation.

The message to General Smuts was addressed to "My friend of so many years and faithful comrade of the last war," and said:

"It is a comfort for me to feel we shall be together in this hard and long trek for I know you and the Government and people of the Union will not weary."

General Smuts in reply said he was deeply moved and assured Mr. Churchill of his whole-hearted co-operation.

Mr. Churchill has also exchanged greetings with Mr. Eamonn de Valera, Premier of Eire.—Reuter.

de Valera Reciprocates

London, To-day.

Mr. Churchill, in his message to the Prime Minister of Eire, said "I look forward with confidence to continued friendship between our two countries and you may rely upon me to do my utmost to ensure this." Mr. de Valera replied cordially reciprocating the message.—British Wireless.

AGRICULTURE GRANT EXTENDED

London, To-day.

First announcement of the new Agriculture Minister, Mr. R. S. Hudson, is an extension of the Government grant to farmers towards ploughing up grassland to March next year for the 1941 harvest. The period for such grants for 1940 harvest ended on Wednesday.—British Wireless.

SIR NEVILLE BLAND SEES KING

London, To-day.

Sir Neville Bland, British Minister in the Netherlands, had an audience of the King yesterday.

Sir John Anderson, the Home Secretary, also had an audience.—British Wireless.

BRITISH EXPORT TRADE

LONDON, TO-DAY.

THE INCREASE OF £26,800,000 IN BRITISH EXPORTS IN APRIL COMPARED WITH MARCH WAS DUE PRINCIPALLY TO LARGER EXPORTS OF MANUFACTURED GOODS, THE TOTAL VALUE OF WHICH AT £39,000,000 WAS 16.5 PER CENT HIGHER THAN THE MONTH BEFORE.

The group showing the largest increase was vehicles, and exports of all descriptions of textiles were much higher. For cotton goods they were the highest in value since October, 1937, and for woollen goods and other textiles the highest for ten years. Exports of pottery glass were also the highest for ten years and those of cutlery, hardware, electrical goods and chemical drugs the highest for 20 years.

For the first four months of 1940 imports totalled £417,501,000 against £288,270,000 in the corresponding period of 1939 and re-exports £14,130,000 against £18,845,000.—British Wireless.

GERMANY'S OIL EXPENDITURE

NEW YORK, TO-DAY.

THE "PROVIDENCE JOURNAL" SAYS "BEFORE THE WAR GERMANY IMPORTED 80 PER CENT. OF HER MOTOR FUEL FROM THIS HEMISPHERE, BESIDES 10 PER CENT. FROM RUMANIA AND TWO PER CENT. FROM RUSSIA."

"She has lost 80 per cent. and it is not believed she can replace it from her two remaining outside sources, plus her domestic manufacture from lignite."

"Meanwhile the inception of total war is estimated to have raised her annual requirement by more than 50 per cent."

"Germany is using up her oil reserves at a dangerous rate and cannot entirely offset the trend."—Reuter.

BRITAIN AND JAPAN

London, To-day.

Discussions between the Ministry of Economic Warfare and the Japanese Embassy on matters affecting contraband control have been continued recently. Since the war began there has been no interruption in the discussions which are concerned with various problems as arise from time to time.—British Wireless.

LEAGUE MAY SHIFT TO LISBON

Geneva, To-day.

League officials are reported to be negotiating for new headquarters in Lisbon. All the archives have been taken to France.—Reuter.

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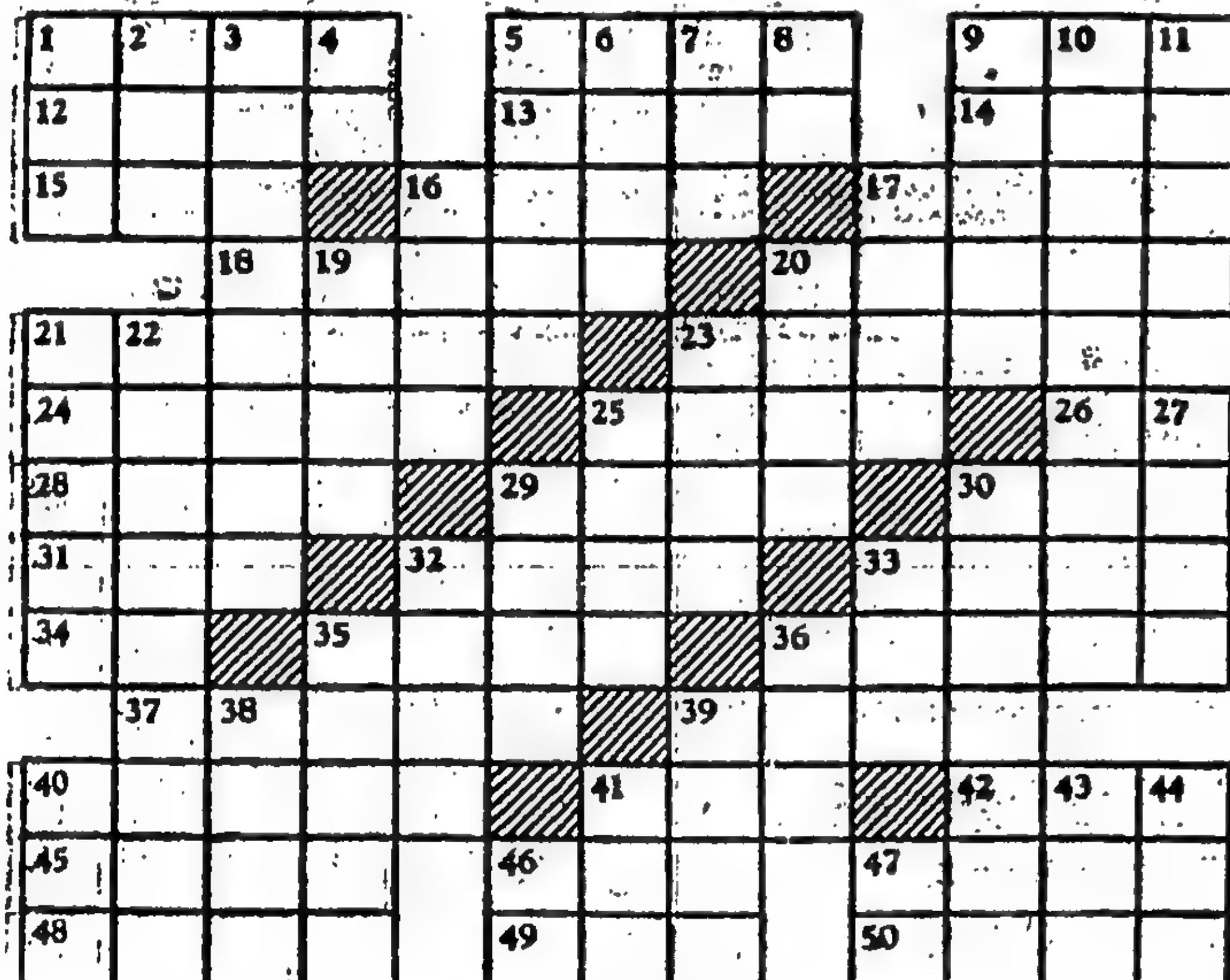
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- 5 American ostrich
- 9 Informer
- 12 On the sheltered side
- 13 Slippery
- 14 Article
- 15 Poor
- 16 Eating utensil
- 17 To grope
- 18 To eat away
- 20 Wall painting
- 21 Large basins
- 23 Destroys
- 24 Egg-shaped
- 25 Shakes
- 26 Hebrew month
- 28 Tapering solid
- 29 To bustle about
- 30 South American language
- 31 Music: high
- 32 Morsel of food
- 33 Branches of learning
- 34 Note of scale
- 35 Tender
- 36 Wrong
- 37 Threefold

VERTICAL

- 39 Homeless wanderer
- 40 Beleaguerment
- 41 Gypsy
- 42 Cretan mountain
- 45 Auroral
- 46 Center
- 47 Bitter
- 48 Objects
- 49 To devour
- 50 City in Nevada

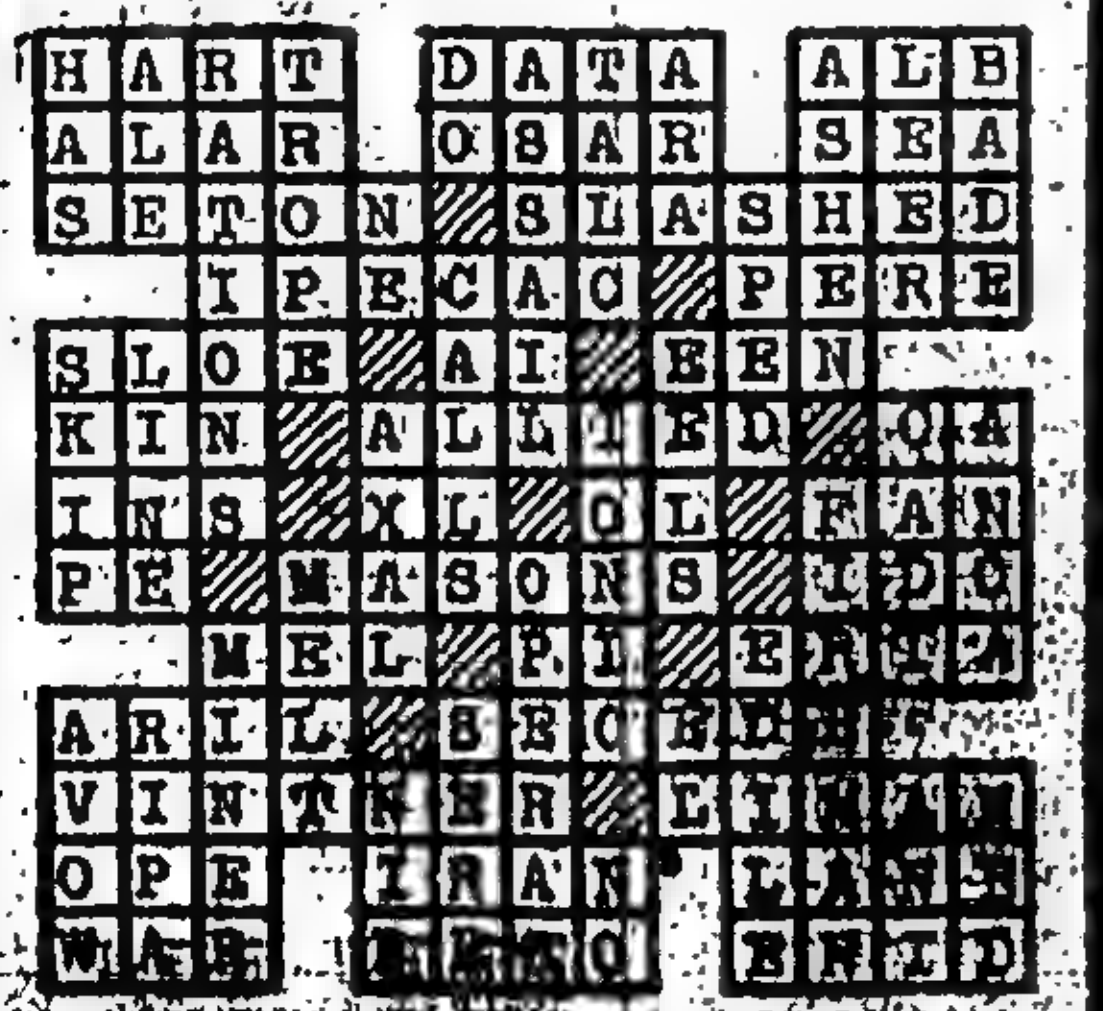
VERTICAL

- 1 Indo-Chinese language
- 2 Everything
- 3 Pertinent
- 4 Periodic windstorm
- 5 Crosses
- 6 To employ
- 7 Large deer
- 8 Poetic: always
- 9 Metric measure

VERTICAL

- 10 Long-tailed bird
- 11 Outcry
- 16 Prior
- 17 Bustle
- 19 Network
- 20 Poetic: earth
- 21 Limited to a given area
- 22 Escape
- 23 Sound accompanying respiration
- 25 Ancient German tribesman
- 27 Perch-like fish
- 29 Bog
- 30 Small opening
- 32 To make stiff
- 33 French for "friend"
- 35 Indications
- 36 Dutch measure
- 38 To peruse
- 39 Herb
- 40 To observe
- 41 Kiwi
- 43 Noise
- 44 Flurry
- 46 Symbol for cerium
- 47 Land measure

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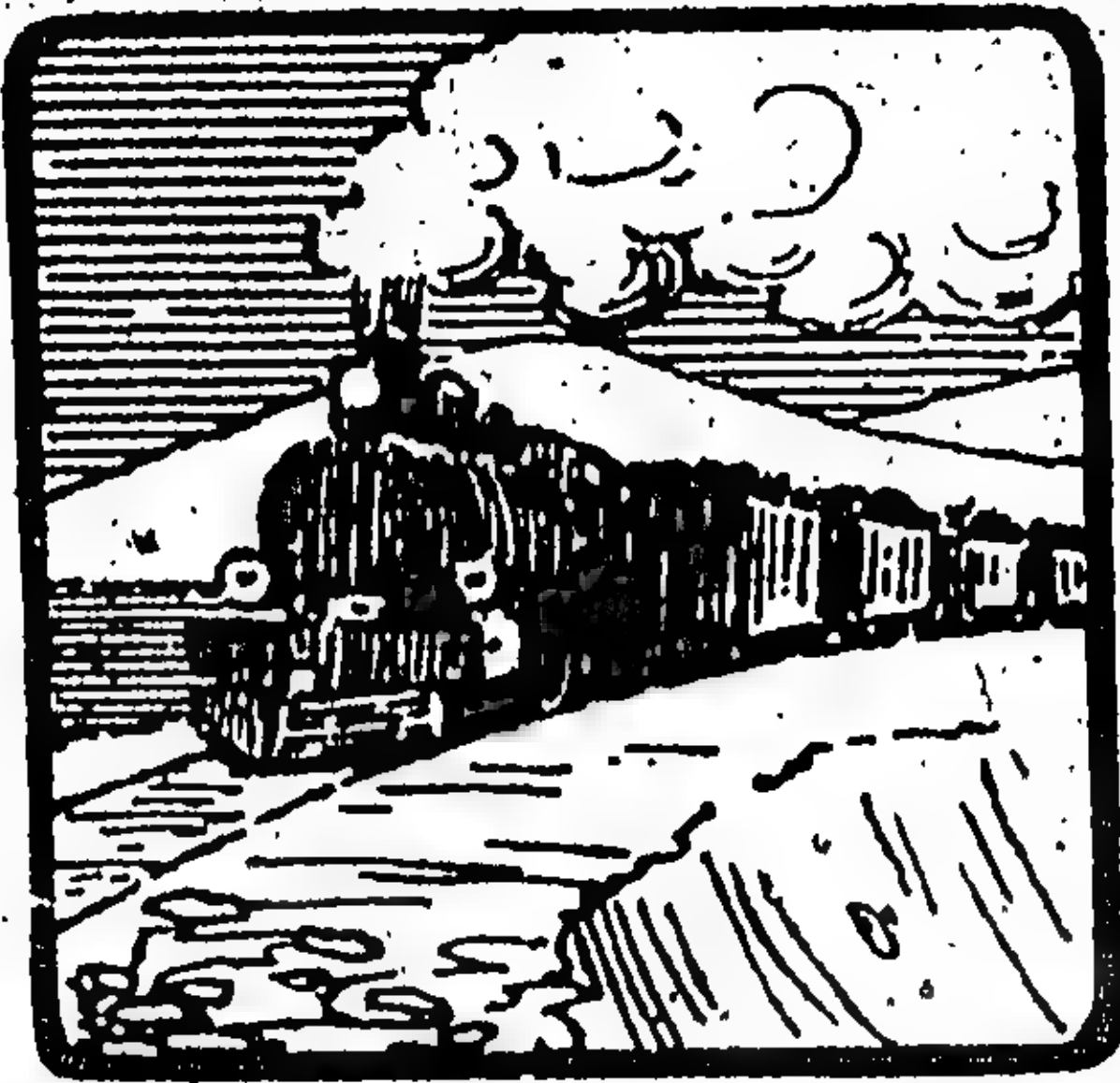
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New York, May 6.
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American newspapermen, Miss
Hura Matsui, Japanese woman
author, who has devoted the last
three years to lecturing on behalf
of China, said that America could
end the war in the Far East by
cutting off war supplies to Japan.
"My people are suffering in this
war, as well as the Chinese," she
said. "The Japanese get nothing
from this war. We would like to
have peace."

**EX-WATERWORKS MAN
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A fine of \$100 or two months' hard
labour was imposed by Mr. E. Hims-
worth this morning on Fong Tsun-
wan, 23, formerly of the Water Works,
who was charged with obtaining \$2.50
by false pretences.

Accused went to a house in Sai
Yeung Choi Street, said he was au-
thorised by the Water Works to repair
the water-cock, and asked for \$5 re-
pair fee.

After the work, he was given \$2.50
and promised the balance the follow-
ing day.

Accused went yesterday with a re-
ceipt, which though official, was is-
sued in 1934. The man grew suspi-
cious and took him to the police sta-
tion.

BIG OIL FIELD FIND

Petroleum fields of "very great im-
portance" have been discovered in
Northern Syria, it was learned in
Beirut.

It was said that they may equal the
production of the Mosul fields.—Asso-
ciated Press.

HIT BY A TRAM

Lau Sam, 33, amah of No. 154, Jaffe
Road, was taken to the Queen
Mary Hospital with head in-
juries, after being knocked down by
a tramcar in Johnston Road yesterday.

DEAD MAN'S DIVORCE

In the pockets of a fully dressed,
middle-aged man, found dead on the
riverside at Ipswich were a marriage
certificate and a divorce decree.

Mr. P. R. Wanklyn, of the Asiatic
Petroleum Company, North Point, was
summoned before Mr. H. G. Sheldon,
K.C., this morning, for speeding in
Hennessy Road on May 5.

It was alleged that defendant drove
at between 40 to 42 m.p.h. along Hen-
nessy Road, a controlled area.
A fine of \$10 was imposed.

LOCAL SHARES

Following is the list of changes and
enquiries in local share quotations to-
day:

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Hong Kong Bank \$1440/50 sa.

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Entertainments \$7.30 b.

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Atoks Ps. .13 b.

Baguio Gold Ps. .16½ sa.

Batong Buhay Ps. .0085 sa.

Benguet Consol. Ps. 4.60 b.

Big Wedge Ps. .15½ sa.

Coco Grove Ps. .06½ sa.

Consol. Mines Ps. .0015 sa.

Demonstrations Ps. .05 b.

East Mindanao Ps. .07 sa.

I.X.L. Ps. .26½ sa.

Itogons Ps. .16½ sa.

Masbates Ps. .07½ sa.

Mind. Mother Lode Ps. .07½ sa.

Mine Operation Ps. .06 b.

North Camarines Ps. .02 b.

San Mauricio Ps. .50 b.

Surigao Consol. Ps. .14½ sa.

Suyoc Consol. Ps. .09½ b.

United Paracales Ps. .16½ sa.

**DAIREN SETS
RECORD**(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")
Dairen, To-day.

The highest figures registered for
imports and exports in Dairen har-
bour since its opening were recorded
in the year ended March 31, with
10,100,000 tons.

Exports totalled 4,800,000 tons, or
11 per cent. higher than the previous
year, and imports 5,300,000 tons, or
27 per cent. higher.

Raw cotton imports decreased owing
to the enforcement of control of the
Manchurian cotton industry, while an
increase was registered in imports of
paper, wheat, flour, cement and lum-
ber. The European war tended to
increase Japan-Manchukuo trade. —
Havas.

**Season's Final
Shoot**

Final shoot for the season for Hong Kong
Rifle Association will take place at Kow-
loon City on Sunday, when the Naval Vo-
lunteer Rifle Club is arranging the pro-
gramme.

Firing commences at 8.45 a.m. and the
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Spectators at the I.R.C.-Police Junior Cricket Championship play-off.



Taken at the Police Green on Saturday during the Bowls match against Civil Service.



Police v Civil Service at Lawn Bowls on the Police Green.

BETTER SENTIMENT ON STOCK MARKET

London, To-day.
A better sentiment was noted in the Stock Exchange throughout yesterday but business was very small and consequently prices were easier owing to lack of support. Rubber shares exceptionally were inclined to strengthen on a small selective demand.

Wall Street was irregular.—Reuter.

GOLF STARTING TIMES

Following are Royal Hong Kong Golf Club starting times for Fanling:—

SUNDAY	
Old Course	
9.16 a.m.	M. Pollock, J. W. Anderson.
9.20 "	J. Linaker, J. B. Harrison.
9.24 "	L. R. Andrewes, I. H. Geare.
9.28 "	A. R. S. Major, F. C. Young.
9.32 "	A. D. Humphreys, F. A. Redmond.
9.36 "	D. L. Newbigging, F. S. Gibbings.
9.40 "	G. C. Worrall, A. K. Mackenzie.
9.44 "	A. N. and Q. A. A. Macfadyen.
9.48 "	A. S. Allison, Capt. Farrar.
9.52 "	J. C. Taylor, E. G. Price.
10.12 "	R. C. Gairdner, M. G. Carruthers.
10.16 "	Major Penfold, Major Temple.
10.20 "	Capt. Bridge, Major MacPherson.
New Course	
9.20 a.m.	R. B. Pearson, F. A. Peters.
9.48 "	Mrs. Farrar, Miss Walker.

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"IT WAS NOT AN ACCIDENT," SAID THE HEAD OF A CONVOY OF FIVE AMERICAN RED CROSS AMBULANCES WHICH WERE ATTACKED ON THE WESTERN FRONT BY GERMAN PLANES.

Two of the ambulances were destroyed, despite the fact that they all displayed the Red Cross and the Stars and Stripes. One volunteer is said to be missing.

A German plane directed artillery fire on the ambulances, the ambulance crews claim.—Reuter.

WOUNDED GERMANS ARRIVE IN ENGLAND

London, To-day.
Between 30 and 40 wounded German soldiers arrived at Charing Cross Station yesterday afternoon under military escort.

Stretcher cases were put into two Red Cross ambulances.

All were young men and wore the grey uniform of the German army.—Reuter.

OIL STOCKS DESTROYED

London, To-day.
It now appears that practically all the oil in Amsterdam and Rotterdam was destroyed by the Dutch so that it would not fall into German hands.—Reuter.

LOCAL DOLLAR

The demand rate on the Hong Kong dollar to-day was 1/2 13/16.

Silver was quoted at 23-1/2 spot and 23-5/16 forward.

The cross rate London/New York was quoted at £—U.S.\$4.0250 and the New York/London rate at 2 U.S.\$3.26-1/2.

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MR. BLACK'S FINE RECORD OVER THE WEEK-END

Rides Sapper To New Australian Record

MR. PIH'S TWO WINS

By "Rapier"

Prior to the commencement of the first race on Monday, it was evident that the going was likely to be heavy, as the track was still wet, and this turned out to be the case.

Thirteen ponies faced the starter in the Smugglers Handicap, and they got away fairly well bunched together. There was no appreciable change until coming into the straight, when The Tigress, carrying 164 lbs., forged ahead. Without the assistance of his whip, Mr. Chao kept plugging along, hotly pursued by Mr. Needa on Gog, with Mr. Yuen making an effort on Dow Jones. They finished up in the order named. The Tigress paying out a fairly good dividend.

The Green Island Handicap (First Section), from the 1½-mile post distance, saw Ronson (Mr. Poy) justify the support which it had received, although carrying top weight of 168 lbs.

I expected Musketeer (Mr. Liang) to do better, but it failed miserably, the pony evidently not liking the sticky state of the track.

On the rise of the barrier Mr. Proulx sent Oak Bay into the lead, followed by Ronson, Hughber (Mr. Chao) and Musketeer. Before rounding the bend Ronson took command and went on to win, with Hughber close on its heels, followed by Oak Bay.

MR. PIH'S ERROR

In the Whitsun Plate Clember failed to accept, and in its absence, Craigavad, with Mr. Pih on top, monopolised the betting, followed by O-Lan, (Mr. Sung). Mr. Needa set a cracking pace on Dupont Bay, but Mr. Pih was satisfied to stay behind—too far back as it transpired—for it was ultimately defeated. Eve of Harvest was running strongly, and just before coming into the straight it shot forward and by the time Mr. Pih made his challenge it had established a comfortable lead. The result was never in further doubt, as, without his whip, Mr. Pih simply could not get any more from his mount.

After his failure in the previous race, Mr. Pih made amends by scoring a surprise win in the next event, which was the Sharks Bay Handicap for "A" Class Australian ponies.

In the absence of both Sapper and Far View, the race seemed quite open, but, following the same tactics as before, Mr. Pih sent Courting Eve out in front, where it remained to the end. Baffin Bay (Mr. Hearne) came up very strongly over the last 100 yards, but Courting Eve was too far in front to be seriously worried. Vanity Fair (Mr. Needa) was third.

Only five ponies faced the starter in the fifth race, the Beaufort Handicap, over six furlongs. Eve of Dancing (Mr. Hoo Pak-ming) appeared for the second time, but again failed. Attacking Time (Mr. Wei) and Eve of Folly (Mr. Black) endeavoured to secure an early lead, but, coming into the straight, whilst these two were still fighting it out, Mr. Chang sent Smashing Through forward on the outside to win quite easily. Eve of Folly was second and Attacking Time third.

INTERESTING STRUGGLE

The sixth race saw Mr. Pih record his second win of the day. Riding White Diamond and carrying 168 lb., he made no mistake about it, although he had quite an interesting struggle with Jobber (Mr. Liang) up to a certain stage. Jennifer (Mr. Needa), as was expected, ran off into a good lead, which it was unable to maintain, and it was left to Jobber and White Diamond to fight it out. White Diamond proved much the stronger pony, and its win was fully deserved. Jobber was second and Rose Emily (Mr. Poy) third.

Then came the big upset of the day, in the Manly Handicap for "B" Class Australian ponies over the Derby distance, which resulted in a really surprise win for Brutus (Mr. H. M. Botelho).

This race provided a most thrilling finish, and Mr. Botelho must be congratulated on his fine handling of Brutus. On the other hand, had Mr. Hearne gone up earlier, instead of trailing behind, the result might have been different.

Franklin (Mr. Needa) tried to run away, but soon tired, and finished nowhere. Mr. Botelho kept his mount in a very nice position right through, with Sydney Lad a few lengths behind. Coming into the straight, Brutus had a fairly good lead, but Sydney Lad, coming up strongly, at one stage practically drew abreast. Brutus, however, had greater reserves, and, with a great effort, Mr. Botelho urged his mount forward to win a spectacular race.

Only four persons made the right connection in this, the second leg of "The Double", and each received the handsome dividend of \$1,005.00, which is undoubtedly the highest paid out this year.

HILLSBORO BAY WINS

There is little that can be said with regard to the eighth race, which was the second section of the Green Island Handicap, over the distance from the 1½-mile post. For a brief period there was a struggle of sorts between Blue Field (Mr. Chao) and Hillsboro Bay (Mr. Needa), but after passing

BIG DIVIDENDS: "DOUBLE" PAYS ALMOST \$2,000

By "RAPIER"

INTEREST IN RACING in Hong Kong, despite prevailing uncertainty in world conditions, seems to be increasing, as a visit to the Valley over the week-end would have revealed.

The Fifth Extra Meeting attracted large crowds, and those who turned up were rewarded with some really keen racing, although the finishes on the whole were far from exciting as compared with those at previous meetings.

On Saturday the track had not recovered from the effects of rain, and, in spite of the slightly heavy going, Sapper, cleverly ridden by Mr. Black, broke the record for Australian ponies for the mile distance, which, incidentally, was held by Strathroy with Mr. Black as the jockey. On Monday the going was even heavier as rain fell intermittently throughout the afternoon.

By scoring four wins during the two days of racing, Mr. Black now tops the winning jockeys. His win on Sapper was well-judged, and on Saturday he created a sensation by winning on Emergency Call, which paid a dividend of \$207.50. In the Whitsun Plate on Monday, Mr. Black, riding Eve of Harvest, scored another meritorious success.

Messrs. Hearne and Pih come next with two wins each, and honours among the owners were fairly evenly divided.

FINE FINISH

A very fine finish featured the first race, the Lead Mine Handicap (First Section) for "C" Class China ponies ridden by novice jockeys over the Derby distance. Much was expected of Advancing Time (Mr. Ho Hong-ping), the favourite, but the pony was at no time in the picture and was a disappointment to those who backed it.

After several disappointing runs, Gladiator (Mr. R. M. Wood) at last came into the limelight to score its first win this season.

Musketeer (Mr. Chiu Ki-fan) jumped into the lead followed by Rose-Queen (Mr. Sequiera), Rose Evelyn (Mr. Coppin) and Galveston Bay (Mr. Treverton). On passing the 1½ mile post for the second time, Musketeer was still leading with Galveston Bay second, followed by Rose Evelyn and Gladiator. After passing the Rock Rose Evelyn overtook Galveston Bay for second position, with Gladiator hard on its heels until the last quarter, when these two ponies ran level in chase of Musketeer, which they

the two mile post the latter asserted itself and won without difficulty.

The ninth race, the Killara Handicap for Australian ponies of this season, gave Australian Prince (Mr. Proulx) its first success, and it was well merited. Grand Allegiance (Mr. Pih) was expected to do well here, but a really bad start spoiled its chances, the same applying to Catterick Bridge (Mr. Needa). On the other hand, Australian Prince had a good start, and it won without being seriously challenged. Spring Shine (Mr. Sung) just managed to get the better of Brown Derby (Mr. Black) for second position.

In the Lama Handicap, for second section "B" Class China ponies, which was contested over the Champions distance, Gay Star (Mr. Hearne) proved its superiority, despite the fact that it was carrying top weight of 168 lb.

Here again, the race was tame, except towards the end, when Gay Star responded magnificently, and, after overhauling Expansion Time, won without difficulty. Expansion Time looked a possible winner after passing the two mile post for the second time. Avon, carrying 168 lb., did well to secure third place.

Last race of the day, the third section of the Green Island Handicap, from the 1½ mile post, saw the veteran Soldier of Britain return to the picture. This pony has been gradually improving, and on Monday it certainly revealed a glimpse of its old form.

Riding Celtic Star, Mr. Proulx once again got the best start, followed by Strathbannock (Mr. Black) and Soldier of Britain (Mr. F. F. Li). Laughing Girl (Mr. Liang), second favourite, could not get away quickly enough.

After passing Celtic Star, Strathbannock appeared to have a chance of winning, but Soldier of Britain came through beautifully and won with Strathbannock close behind, and Celtic Star third.

passed near the distance post.

Gladiator responded strongly to its jockey's urge, and provided the stronger finish to win from Rose Evelyn by a length, with Musketeer third, another five lengths away.

Only two ponies faced the starter in the second race, the Warwick Farm Handicap over 1¼ miles for Australian ponies of this season, winners of \$1,000 or more in stakes barred. After three false starts Catterick Bridge (Mr. Needa) managed to get off, followed by Rowan (Mr. Hearne) about a length behind. This order was maintained almost throughout, Rowan eventually going in front in the home straight to win by half a length.

The third race, the Stonecutters Handicap over the Champions distance for Griffins of this season, winners of \$1,000 or more in stakes barred, saw the Eve stable score its second successive win with Eve of Reason, ably handled by Mr. Black.

Eve of Dancing (Mr. J. Barrow) took the lead, followed by Attacking Time (Mr. Wei), Hughber (Mr. Chao) and Eve of Reason. At the football stands Mr. Black took Eve of Reason into second position, which it maintained until rounding the bend, when it overhauled its stable-mate to go on and win by 1½ lengths from Hughber, which came up strongly to take second place. Eve of Dancing was third.

SAPPER'S FINE WIN

A great race was seen in the fourth race, the Whitsun Handicap for Australian ponies of this season over the mile, which was the main attraction of the afternoon, and in which Far View (Mr. Pih), the champion pony during the Annual Meeting, met defeat for the second time at the hands of Sapper. By this win and the lowering of Strathroy's record by 1-4/5 seconds, Sapper must now be regarded as the best among the Australian ponies.

In this race Melody Star (Mr. Hearne) took the lead followed by Flying Dutchman (Mr. Treverton), Sapper (Mr. Black), Ascot (Mr. Chao) and Far View. On passing the winning post for the first time, Flying Dutchman forged ahead to take the lead up to the 1½ mile post, when Sapper overtook it to take command. At this juncture Far View was seen to check in order to avoid collision with Ascot Day and in so doing lost valuable ground. On reaching the half mile post Mr. Pih sent Far View forward to challenge Sapper, which was running confidently. The pony had not the strength to last out, however, and had to admit defeat by a length. Australian Diamond, another three lengths behind, was third.

MINOR UPSET

The first leg of the "Daily Double" was decided on the second section of the Lead Mine Handicap for "C" Class China ponies, again ridden by Novice Jockeys over 1½ miles. It resulted in a minor upset, the favourite, Silver Wings (Mr. S. W. Lee) running unplaced.

Thirty Six, a pony of unknown quality amongst this year's griffins and, nicely handled by Mr. Yuen Wing-kwal, scored a well-deserved win. Eve of Hunting (Mr. J. Barrow) took the lead, followed by Salvage Master (Mr. Ho Hong-ping), Eve of Peace (Mr. Hoo Pak-ming) and Thirty Six. This order was maintained until the football stands, when Thirty Six, followed by Strathbannock (Mr. Treverton), went out in front. On coming down the straight Thirty Six was still leading, with Strathbannock second and Scenic View third, and this was the order in which they eventually finished.

First big upset of the afternoon occurred in the second section of the Shatin Handicap for "D" Class China ponies. Sunlight View (Mr. Pih) was made firm favourite with This Time (Mr. Wei) next in line of betting. This Time (Mr. Wei), the ultimate winner, and West Lake (Mr. Pan), the ultimate winner, third in demand.

Portrush (Mr. Chang) shot out in front followed by West Lake. This Time and Sunlight View. On coming into the straight Portrush was still leading, but was tiring fast. It was overhauled by West Lake, near the band stand, the latter going on to win by half a length from Sunlight View, which beat Portrush by a length.

West Lake's win paid each of its 118 backers the handsome sum of \$222.20, the highest dividend of the afternoon.

FAVOURITE FAILS

The Bondi Handicap, over 1¼ miles for "C" Class Australian ponies, was the second leg of the "Daily Double", and here again the favourite failed. The race itself was devoid of interest as Centre Court (Mr. Sung) romped home an easy winner without being seriously challenged. Centre Court took the lead from the outset and, although it was feebly challenged by Ruby Star (Mr. Pan) on rounding the bend, it was far too

H.K.C.C. SHOULD BEAT K.C.C.

The match between University and United Services Recreation Club having been postponed because of University examinations, there will be only two matches in Mixed Doubles Division of the Tennis League played this afternoon.

Although Chinese Recreation Club, holders of the title, will be without Mrs. Enid Litton, who is indisposed, they should still have little difficulty in beating K.C.C. "B," who have had to reorganise their team, as Mrs. Chiu and Miss Yeung, of their team of last year will be turning out.

A close match should result from the fixture between K. C. C. "A" and H.K.C.C. on the former's courts.

It is interesting to note that the leading Cricket Club pair this year will be L. Goldman and Miss Ann Tylor, both of whom played last season for U.S.R.C.

Other pairs are fairly good, being B. C. Fay and the steady Mrs. Andrews, and the Club mixed doubles tournament winners, T. A. Pearce and Miss J. Armstrong.

For K. C. C., Mrs. Burnett is still suffering from a bad hand and Guest and Miss Stokes are indisposed and will not be playing. E. F. Fincher is back in the team and G. C. Burnett and Miss Harker will complete it. As none of the three pairs selected have had much experience of each other's play, however, it is not expected that Kowloon will win.

The following is to-day's programme and teams:—

C.R.C.	v.	K.C.C. "B"
K.C.C. "A"	v.	H.K.C.C.
Hong Kong C.C.—Miss A. Tylor and L. Goldman; Mrs. L. R. Andrews and B. C. Fay; Miss J. Armstrong and T. A. Pearce.		
C.R.C.—Mrs. Chiu Chun-chiu and Lee Wai-tong; Miss Yeung Wai-bun and Paul Kong; W. C. Hung and A. N. Other.		
K.C.C. "A"—E. C. Fincher and Mrs. Williams; A. E. P. Guest and Miss M. Stokes; E. F. Fincher and Mrs. Kevan.		
K.C.C. "B"—S. A. Gray and Mrs. Sweeney; N. A. E. Mackay and Mrs. Sturgeon; E. Zulauf and Mrs. A. Zimmermann.		

good and finished five lengths in front. Centre Court rewarded its 30 "Double" backers with \$273.10 each for their \$5 bet.

In this race Snowy River (Mr. Liang) pulled up lame near the winning post and the jockey had to dismount.

The Shatin Handicap (Second Section), from the 1½ mile post, for "D" Class China ponies, provided another sensation when Mr. Black brought in Emergency Call to win. It paid \$207.50, the second best dividend of the afternoon.

Talkative (Mr. Sung) was made hot favourite but it disappointed its backers by running unplaced. Talkative and Palmer (Mr. Wei) took the lead, with Golden Cow (Mr. Liang) and Emergency Call in the rear. When nearing the last quarter the leaders were passed by Golden Cow, which looked every inch a winner on coming down the straight. To the surprise of all, however, Emergency Call (Mr. Black) came through strongly on the rails to overhaul Golden Cow 50 yards from the post. While these two ponies were fighting it out, Valorous (Mr. Hearne) came up on the outside with a great burst and passed Golden Cow but could not catch Emergency Call, to which it lost by a head.

ANOTHER UPSET

Last race of the day, the Spencer Handicap over the two mile post distance, for "D" Class Australian ponies, provided yet another upset. This time Mr. H. S. Chang, the new arrival from Hankow, on Amber II, was responsible to record a debut success and a three-figure dividend.

Schmetterling (Mr. Yuen) took up the running followed by Tarzan (Mr. Hoo Pak-ming), Brown Derby (Mr. Black) and Income Tax (Mr. Liang). This order was maintained until nearing the football stands, when Schmetterling faded out of the picture for Tarzan to lead, followed by Brown Derby and Income Tax. On rounding the bend Mr. Black, on Brown Derby, hotly pursued by Income Tax on the outside, took the lead. While these two ponies were battling it out, Mr. Chang quietly came up on the rails and, amidst great excitement, sent Amber II forward to win by a short head, with the same distance separating Brown Derby from Income Tax.

BOWLING ALLEY JOTTINGS

By "STRIKE"

On Sunday, Corp. H. Blount of Royal Corps of Signals, registered 248 at Ten Pins; his effort being:—starting off with three strikes in a row, a spare on his 4th frame, then four strikes in succession on his 5th, 6th, 7th and 8th frames, a spare on his 9th frame, a strike on his 10th and a spare with his two extra balls.

He must have been in a killing mood that day because the game before he registered his 248, he bagged 212 made up with as follows:—starting off with three spares in a row, he then notched four strikes in a row, and finishing the 8th, 9th, and 10th frames with spares.

Blount's 248 is not his best effort, for on February 15 last, he scored 258, only to be beaten by his colleague of the Royal Signals, Corp. J. H. Watts, who made 278 on February 19 last, to make the record for the Alleys.

Up to the time of writing these notes he has also bagged the highest score at Duck Pins—he made 139.

In a previous article, I remarked that the way members of Royal Corps of Signals were bowling it would not be long before, the whole unit qualified for the 200 Club.

Latest to qualify for the honour was Signalmen C. Taylor, who made a useful 209, his effort being four strikes, a spare on his 5th frame, to miss on his 6th frame and make five, then two strikes on his 7th and 8th frames, a strike on his 10th frame to make nine with his two extras balls.

"DARE DEVILS" v "ASHEVILLE"
There was rather a good five-game Ten Pin match played on May 9 between the new combination of the "Dare Devils" and U.S.S. "Asheville".

On this occasion it was rather curious that veteran Joe Harvey, who has always played in the past for his ship's (U.S.S. "Asheville") team had performed to play for the "Dare Devils". This, of course, could not be avoided, the object of forming the "Dare Devil" team, being the ultimate view of beating all comers.

On this occasion the "Dare Devils" were again the victors, beating the "Asheville" team by 171 pins; therefore, at the time of writing, they still remain undefeated.

Joe Harvey was unavoidably detained for the first and second games and F. P. Hollis, of U.S.S. Mindanao fame, filled in the gap.

The individual scores were as follows:—
"DARE DEVILS" U.S.S. ASHEVILLE
H. Blount 815 M. O. Gray 782
J. H. Watts 782 W. J. Balaski 782
D. M. Kepling 786 C. G. Cunningham 781
Joe Harvey 484 V. V. Vinxing 655
F. P. Hollis 294

Total 3111 Total 2940

The feature of this match was the absence of one single 200 score, the highest individual score for a single game being notched by J. H. Watts, who made 194 in his fourth game, followed very closely by H. Blount, who registered 192 in his second.

The highest aggregate score was made by H. Blount, who made 815 or an average of 163 pins per game, with J. H. Watts second with 782 pins for his five games.

The standard of play was not very brilliant, the average score per player for the "Dare Devils" being only 155.

The average for Asheville was about the lowest they have ever had, being only 147 pins per man per game.

It was, however, a very sultry evening, with the humidity high, and this is no doubt contributed to the poor performances.

On Tuesday there was quite a good match in the second round of the Singles Handicap Competition, between our two old friends F. P. Hollis, of U.S.S. Mindanao, and L. Gaddi. Hollis won by 37 pins.

Hollis' handicap was plus 26 and L. Gaddi



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Kowloon Indians' Good Win Over C.C.C.

"D" DIVISION OF THE Tennis League did not get off to a very auspicious start yesterday, matches between South China and C.B.A., and C.R.C. "A" and Filipino Club being postponed.

Considering the strength of the opposition, Kowloon Cricket did quite well to carry C.R.C. "B" to the odd set, veteran G. Gillard and Emil Eymard playing well to win two sets. Jack and Turpin and A. E. Perry and Crabbe, however, were only able to win a set apiece.

At King's Park, Craigengower were only able to take two sets, both won by A. B. Hamson and E. Zimmern, from the Kowloon Indians, for whom S. R. Salleh and M. Ramzan were in great form.

K.C.C. v C.R.C.

At King's Park yesterday Kowloon Cricket Club were defeated by the Chinese Recreation Club "B", by 5 sets to 4 in the "D" Division of the Tennis League.

G. Gillard and E. Eymard (K.C.C.)
beat K. M. Wong and C. F. Tse 6-4
beat Y. Y. Lam and Y. W. Chung 6-2
lost to Y. Chan and C. Y. Tse 2-6
L. Jack and R. Turpin (K.C.C.)
lost to Wong and Tse 5-7
lost to Lam and Chung 1-6
beat Chan and Tse 6-2
A. E. Perry and H. W. Crabb (K.C.C.)
beat Wong and Tse 6-3
lost to Lam and Chung 2-6
lost to Chan and Tse 1-6

K.I.T.C. v C.C.C.

At King's Park, Kowloon Indian Tennis Club defeated the Craigengower C.C. by 7

plus 23.

The individual scores were as follows:—
F. P. Hollis 1st 158 2nd 154 3rd 169 4th 9 5th 490
L. Gaddi 1st 146 2nd 160 3rd 148 4th 0 5th 453

Consensus of opinion before the match was that there would be a very close fight in this match with a tendency to favour L. Gaddi.

Actually Hollis won without his handicap by 23 pins. This is not much in a three-game match, a strike for Gaddi in the right place would have made up the deficit. The average per game for Hollis worked out at 163 and for Gaddi 151. These are fair averages, but from my knowledge of both players' capabilities, they should have done much better.

As a matter of fact Gaddi has notched as high a score as 234, in January, 1939, and Hollis 252 a year later and 238 in April last. U.S.S. Tulsa should be in Port any day now and we will again see our Ten Pin experts in action against Schreier, Spenko, Peterson, Moore, etc.

A Duck Pin match has been arranged for to-morrow when the U.S.S. Mindanao's Duck Pin team will oppose them. Royal Signals Duck Pin team have challenged the winners of this match so we can expect some really good Duck Pin bowling.

sets to 2.
S. R. Salleh and M. Ramzan (K.I.T.C.)
beat A. B. Hamson and F. Zimmern 6-3
beat S. A. Cassumbhoy and P. C. Yue 6-3
beat N. L. Leonard and S. L. Leonard 6-4
C. M. Khan and M. H. Hassan (K.I.T.C.)
lost to Hamson and Zimmern 4-6
beat Cassumbhoy and Yue 6-3
beat Leonard and Leonard 6-3
Jahan Dad and S. S. Hussain (K.I.T.C.)
lost to Hamson and Zimmern 1-6
beat Cassumbhoy Yue 6-3
beat Leonard and Leonard 6-3

POSTPONED

The match between the South China Athletic Association and the Central British Association was postponed as was the fixture between C.R.C. "A" and the Filipino Club.

Bright Receives Special Mention

According to an article in a Saigon newspaper, the victory of the Saigon Interport soccer team over Hong Kong, which was quite against the expectations of the Saigon critics, was due to the fact that the locals maintained an attack down the wings whereas Hong Kong indulged in short-passing methods down the centre.

The Hong Kong halves were somewhat more experienced but Saigon's were quicker on the ball and were able to pass out to their extremely speedy wingers, who made full use of their opportunities.

Special mention is made of the sterling efforts of Bright, who was a constant thorn in the side of the Saigon team.

(Continued from next Column.)

R.A. v R.A.O.C.
In another "B" Division League match, 8th Heavy Regiment, Royal Artillery beat the Royal Army Ordnance Corps by 5 sets to 4.
L/Bdr. Parnell and Gnr. Robertson (R.A.)
beat Q.M.S. Cooper and S/Sgt. Hunter 6-4
lost to S/Sgt. Peters and Cpl. Harding 1-6
beat Pte. Flinder and L/Cpl. Thrush 6-3
Sgt. Banham and Gnr. Ward (R.A.)
lost to Cooper and Hunter 0-6
lost to Peters and Harding 3-6
beat Flinder and Thrush 6-3
Gnr. Bowditch and Gnr. Maynard (R.A.)
lost to Cooper and Hunter 3-6
beat Peters and Harding 6-4
beat Pinder and Thrush 6-2

"ARMY SPORTLIGHT" FEATURE REVIVED

Army sportsmen will be pleased to learn that an effort is being made to revive our "Army Sportlight" feature. First of the new articles will appear in tomorrow's issues.

Army Tennis

Further progress was made in the Army Tennis League yesterday one match being played in "A" Division and two in "B".

In the senior match, R.A.P.C. had a crushing win over 12th. Hvy., R.A., who had to concede three sets owing to the non-appearance of one pair.

In junior division 8th. Hvy., R.A. beat R.A.O.C. by the narrowest possible margin, Parnell and Robertson, and Bowditch and Maynard winning a couple of sets apiece.

R.A.P.C. v R.A.

At Sookunpoo yesterday, the Royal Army Pay Corps beat the 12th Heavy Regiment, Royal Artillery, by 8 sets to 1 in an "A" Division Army League tennis match.

Q.M.S. Taylor and S/Sgt. James (R.A.P.C.)
beat Way and Scorey 6-0
beat McMurthy and Forrester 6-0
received a walked over from Smyth and Earl.

S/Sgt. Adlam and Sgt. Murray (R.A.P.C.)
beat Way and Scorey 6-0
beat McMurthy and Forrester 6-1
received a walked over from Smyth and Earl.

S/Sgt. Pinkney and S/Sgt. Carden (R.A.P.C.)
lost to Way and Scorey 2-6
beat McMurthy and Forrester 6-4
received a walked over from Smyth and Earl.

24TH BATTERY v 36TH BATTERY

In a "B" Division Army League tennis, 24th Battery, Royal Artillery lost to 36th Heavy Battery, R.A., by 3 sets to 6 at Sookunpoo yesterday.

Major Anderson and Lt. Bearson (24th Battery)
beat S/M. Mills and Sgt. Burdett 6-1
lost to Gnr. Wadridge and Bdr. Geedenough 2-6
lost to M/G. Berry and Sgt. Hickie 11-13
L/Bdr. Hamson and Gnr. Newton (24th Battery)
lost to Mills and Burdett 4-6
lost to Wadridge and Geedenough 3-6
beat Berry and Hickie 6-4
L/Bdr. Thompson and Bdr. Pidgeon (24th Battery)
lost to Mills and Burdett 1-6
beat Wadridge and Geedenough 6-4
lost to Berry and Hickie 1-6
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MAIN sporting event of the past week has been the opening of the Lawn Tennis League. Monday being a holiday, the honour of ringing up the curtain fell to "B" Division players and some really good struggles took place.

It was expected that the powerful Chinese teams, Chinese Recreation Club and South China, would win but the feat of Kowloon Tong in beating the powerful Recreio team as decisively as they did was a particularly good one.

It is apparent thus early in the season that Kowloon Cricket Club, who were in the running practically up to their last match in 1939, are no longer to be considered a power in the land. They have one strong pair in D. J. N. Anderson and F. Grose but the former will not be able to play in at least five matches so at best three mediocre pairs will be fielded.

"C" Division fixtures on Wednesday also resulted as expected and again South China and C.R.C. proved themselves for superior to the rest of the field.

This season is the second in which the new registration rule has been applied. Most players are now familiar with the terms of the rule so I see no value in reproducing it.

The general idea, however, is for each club, with more than one team entered in the League, to submit a list of the four best players of each team,

who would then be ineligible to play for a team in a lower division.

Thus early, an examination of the players who turned out on Tuesday and Wednesday makes interesting study. It is noticeable, for instance, that Chinese Recreation Club played only two registered players in their "B" team. One of their registered players, F. H. Kwok, is actually registered for Kowloon Tong as well and turned out for the latter team.

What is then the position? I don't suggest that in this case C.R.C. deliberately registered a player whom they knew would not be playing for them, but in fairness to the other teams and according to the letter of the law they should now submit the name of another player in place of Kwok.

Which opens up another loop-hole in the rule. If a team wished to be thoroughly unscrupulous they could register the names of players who had no intention of playing League tennis at all and thus leave themselves in a position to select other men who, for instance, would be able to play in "D" Division indefinitely, move up to "C" Division and then, when a particularly stiff fixture cropped up in "B" or "A" Division, move

up to fill the breach.

Another wrinkle which should not be overlooked was put to me by a Chinese, who probably has had some experience of the matter! He said that it was not an uncommon practice among the Chinese teams to alter the names of their players when engaged against foreign teams, who, in most cases, not knowing the people by sight, are not any the wiser. Thus Mr. Xu Yan Zu, as he would generally appear in the scores, might decide to call himself Mr. Y. Z. Xu, an effective enough disguise for those not entirely familiar with the construction of Chinese names.

DESPITE many anxious moments, Police finally managed to beat Indian Recreation Club in the junior cricket play-off and thus secure the

Cricket title for the first time in the history of the club.

The standard reached was never very high and it appeared likely at any moment that a downpour of rain would once again wash the match out.

A comparison of the two teams would show a slight superiority with the bat for the Indians, who were also safer with their catching. Police had

by far the better attack and their ground fielding was keen, if not brilliant.

Lewis has definitely been the find of the season and gives promise of developing into a bowler of the highest local class. There is also little doubt that had B. C. Fay played regularly, Police would not have been obliged to go through the nerve-racking ordeal that was theirs in the last half hour of the match on Sunday.

Congratulations to Pope and his merry men on their success.

JUST by way of a change, I spent a couple of hours at a baseball game on Saturday and, despite a spirit which

Baseball I must confess was prepared to belittle the efforts of the disciples of the great American game, I quite enjoyed watching it.

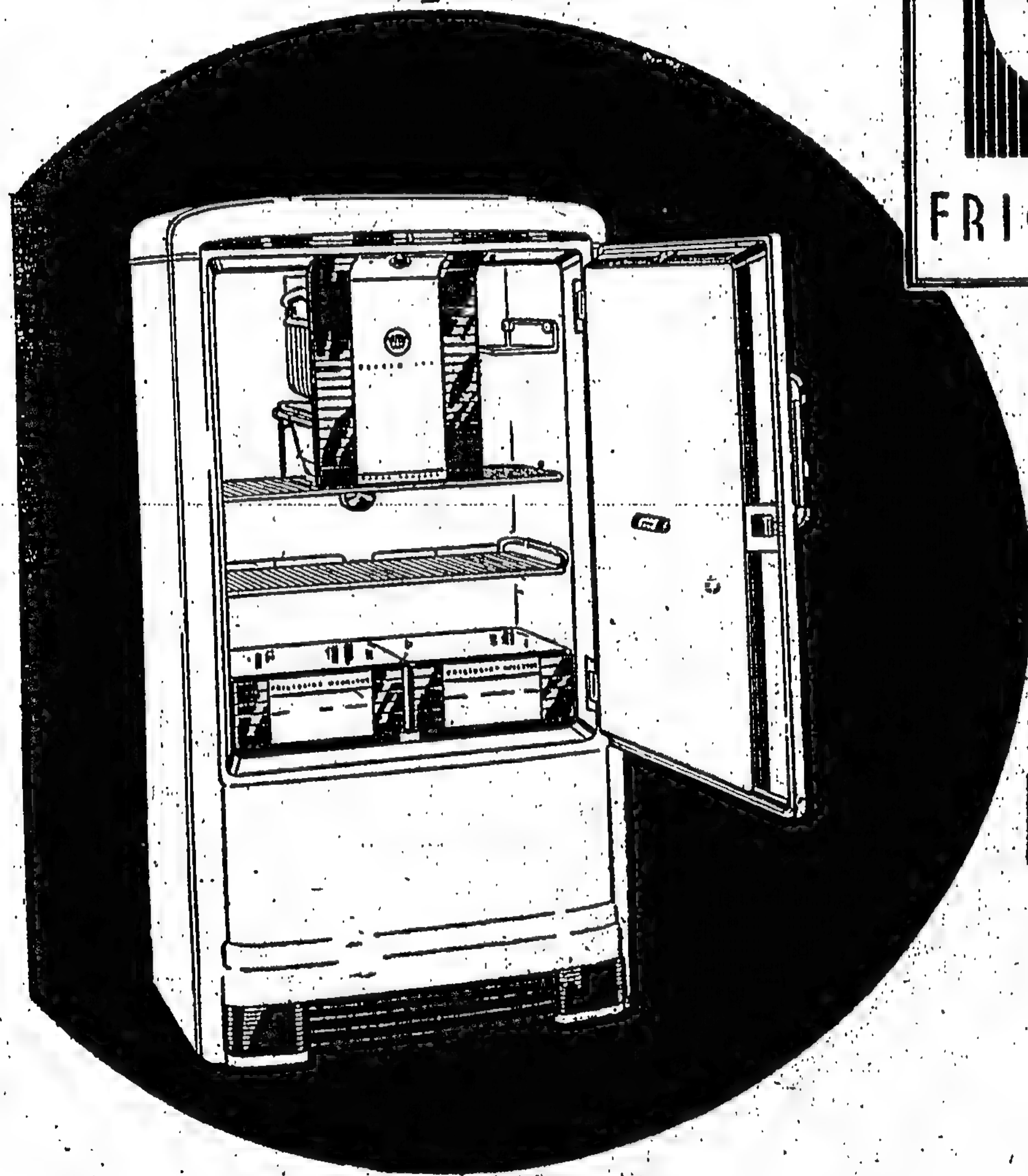
Some of the fielding was excellent and the throwing in an education for anyone brought up on cricket, but of course the barracking made the game.

It was so impartial, however, and so inevitable—good and bad play was razzed—that there was no reason for anyone to be upset. Indeed, as a means of practising self-control, I can think of no better method than playing baseball.

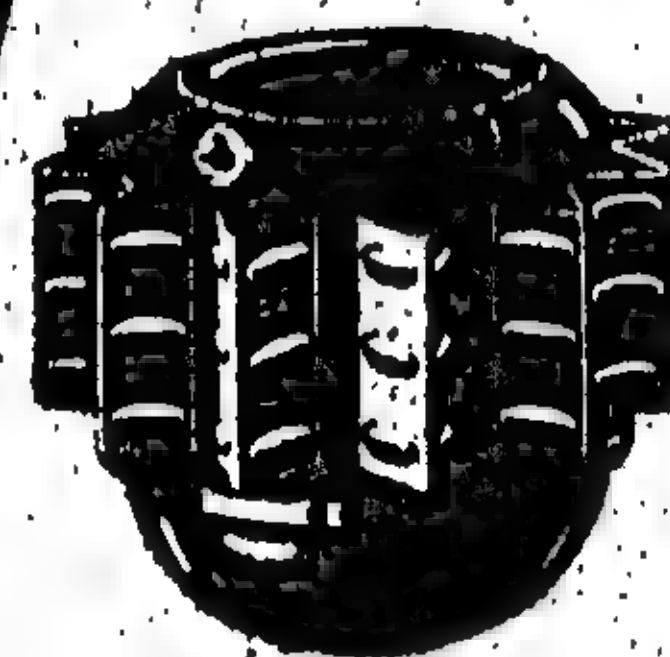
Nevertheless there were one or two awkward moments and two umpires surrendered their positions in the course of the afternoon amid cries of "caan't take it!"

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LAWN BOWLS NOTES

CHAMPIONS HAVE SOME ANXIOUS MOMENTS BEFORE BEATING K.C.C.

Teddy Fincher In Fine Form Against Alves

HONG SLING AND K.M. OMAR CONTRIBUTE TO ROSSELET'S BIG WIN

By "SKIP"

THE WEATHER was kind on Saturday and the full programme of 14 games was played in the Lawn Bowls League. The matches, for the most part, finished as expected, but there were some close and exciting finishes.

Taikoo, for instance just managed to overcome Kowloon Cricket Club by a single shot thanks to a three count at the very last head.

Craigengower did well to beat Kowloon Bowling Green Club in Second Division, whilst the Electricians will take heart from their victory at Chatham Road, where two of their rinks were nicely up.

The big battle of the day was at Cox's Road, where the Champions provided the opposition and Club de Recreio had many anxious moments before they eventually emerged victorious.

Nine down after five heads, they had squared matters by the half-way stage and very gradually built up a lead big enough to withstand a belated revival on the part of the home team.

Carlos Silva, in spite of brilliant individual efforts, could make no headway against Kern until three-quarters of the way through the game but then a good six gave him the lead and he won by that number.

Kern was prominent for the home side whilst Marques was always rendering good support to his skip.

"Spuggy" Silva took half a dozen heads to settle down but then he kept Frank Goodwin on the figure 8 for 10 heads and eventually ran out winner by nearly a dozen. Teddy Fincher and Dick Alves had a tough struggle until the interval when the home skip scored steadily to secure the only home win. Tommy Madar quite held his own against Leonard Xavier but of the other home players only Fincher had the better of his opposite.

He was in great form and drew some very pretty shots to turn score into his favour.

Police entertained the Civil Servants and scored a comfortable win, only Harry Strange being able to hold the enemy, in spite of brilliant resistance from Joe Carey, who was great and saved time and again. Arthur Rakusen was probably the best of the winners.

Another skip to shine was Orem, who, ably supported by Perkins, always had the better of Collyer's four, although the latter chalked up a count of six early in the game. Fender and Hollidge had a closer game, especially early in the afternoon, but the Policemen gradually wore down the opposition.

SENSATIONAL START

Commencing sensationally with a six, B. Basto's four looked as if they were going to give McKelvie's rink a severe drubbing, but the latter fought back well and were only two down at "half-time." McKelvie continued to play splendidly but he had little support and lost by nearly a dozen. "B.B." was in good form for the Recreio team as was Doc Gutierrez, who usually had the better of Bob Morrison. John Basto and John Kempton had a high-scoring game

with the former just holding out long enough, for his opponent finished strongly and scored on all but one of the last seven ends.

Craigengower gave their footballing neighbours a severe trouncing, only Brooksbank putting up any serious resistance. This he did against U. M. Omar for 17 heads but, leading then by five, his rink collapsed and the anti-climax came when he lost that seven on the very last head!

Brooksbank had been playing brilliantly until the closing stages but he failed badly at this last head, both his woods being far too heavy, whilst his opponent drew shots with both his woods.

Willie Hong Sling, whose game I justly criticised last week, came right back to form and on practically every head he had both his woods sitting on top of the jack.

K. M. Omar usually added one more with the result that Lammert and Bebbington were faced with an almost impossible task, whilst Joe Landolt and his skip could block or add shots almost at random. Five singles and a couple of twos comprised the rink's reply to Rosselet's 34 shots!

Dick Basa almost doubled Gill's score of 14 and had to thank Medina, his second man, for this result. Joe Leonard was a shade better than Jack Howell who had several short woods, although he had one brilliant patch when bowling to a short jack for about half-a-dozen ends. Coates was useful, whilst Basa in his nonchalant way, put in some god shots though they were not always direct.

HUGE SCORE

Kowloon Bowling Green Club piled up the biggest score in this division when they scored 83 against the Indians, who replied with half a century and Sherriff's rink had the biggest rink score in any division.

Down by five at the tea interval, this rink almost blanked out Abbas afterwards, and chalked up 25 shots to the home side's singleton.

"Abe" Abbas was playing a lone hand for the most part, only Sufflad, his leading man, lending reasonable support. Abbas drew some perfect shots but in most cases, in the second stanza at any rate, the heads were usually too consolidated for him to do more than save occasionally. At the 19th head he may have considered himself rather unfortunate, the visitors were lying four good shots when Abbas went down and with his first wood drew right into the "kitty." Sherriff came up to face him but was a couple of inches short and got the second shot.

Abbas just failed to block with his next and Sherriff with a really spectacular shot, ploughed the shot wood through a couple of feet and

BOWLS ENTRIES CLOSE ON MONDAY

Bowls Conveners should make a note of the fact that entries for all the Open lawn bowls Competitions will close on Monday next. It is expected that the draw for some of the events will take place in the course of the week.

THIRD DIVISION

MORE BAD SCORING

By "SKIP"

According to the printed fixture list, Craigengower were to play at home against Football Club and did actually do so: but as the Football Club names are written on the score card where the home team's should be at the left of the card, and the printed reports simply say "At the Valley," the game might have taken place anywhere.

The footballers secured a very creditable victory, all rinks being up, although it needed a two from George Graver's rink to achieve that favourable result. Wallington, on the other hand, was all over Rozario, although the latter put in some useful saves. Sid Strange with useful aid from Tom Rowell at second man, kept John Pau in check and finished up with a strong burst to win by nine shots.

The Electricians did remarkably well to beat the Kowloon Footballers at Chatham Road; Paul won the first half dozen ends to lead by seven but Peter Morgan negated that in the next head! The Electricians' skip got going again and allowed the enemy to score on only five more heads, eventually winning quite comfortably.

Stopani Thomson's men always had a slight edge on Dr. Smalley's in spite of some useful woods from Abbas, whilst Ben Evans secured his second win, Jim Lunny being his victim.

K.B.G.C. rubbed it in very badly against the Indians and were half a century to the good at the finish. Adal could score on only five heads against John Dinnen's four, who were in good form all the time. K. C. Hamilton had the next biggest win against Wahab, who had little chance, to save, whilst Jordan in spite of losing a five to Rumjahn had 10 to spare.

The game at the Cricket Club had a similar result, the Prison Officers quite overwhelming the local lads. Tom Pile had a huge win against Cassidy and, like Omar in First Division, he finished up with a count of seven! Arthur Jillett overcame McKellar, erstwhile Football Club player, by a dozen, whilst Bagley, after a holiday at home, opened his account with a win of seven against Ronhle Edwards.

remained in its place to secure six.

Alf Hall and A. K. Minu had a close game before the latter got home by about half a dozen. The numbers two, Bux and Waterton, shone in this game whilst Armstrong, after he had found his length, played well.

After trailing for half the game, Hall's men piled on shots in five ends and this turned the scales. "A. K." was useful with his heavy shots and saved several by this method, but his brother, on the next rink, was even better in this direction and he repeatedly had Holland guessing.

Jeff Hoosen was in splendid form as lead for Minu but Guy usually turned the head in the visitor's favour with his excellent woods. The scores were pretty level all the way, until Adam Holland, then down by a couple of shots, chalked up a three and a six to finish sensationally.

SECOND DIVISION

CARR AGAIN

By "SKIP"

There were thrills at the finish of the game at Cox's Road, where Taikoo, represented in this case by Munro, required three to win with the last head to go.

So well did Munro's men rally round that they had built up a count of six when Tommy Carr, who had been deadly throughout, drew what turned out to be fourth shot.

Actually I believe three woods had to be measured to decide the issue, there being only half an inch in it.

Carr, let me add at once, won by over 20 shots and allowed the enemy to score on only six heads. His men were too good man for man for the Taikoo players, just as a visiting rink, skipped by Jimmy Chalmers, were out-playing Jimmy Jack's four. The latter chalked up a nap hand at the 20th head to make victory a possibility.

Dick Keown's four were very steady against Bob Marks and won by over a dozen.

There was an exciting finish at the Valley where the Civil Servants just pipped the Cricket Club by a point.

It is a hard life for the scribe for what I thought to be the all-powerful rink of the Cricket Club side, was the only one to lose!

This rink of Archbutt's could make no impression on Syd Eccleshall's four and had scored only four singles up to the 17th head: the home team also went in for low scores and secured 11-singles in the course of what proved a very low-scoring game.

Bert Maughan's rink won by seven in spite of losing a five late in the game, when the Cricket Club skip drove badly with both his woods. Jimmy Mount and Dan Crawley both played perfect bowls as second men and it is hard to say which was the better.

Charlie Strange got into the news by means of a natty piece of defensive play when he might have lost the game for his side had he tried to save his own reputation.

As it was he blocked well and kept the enemy down to a singleton though it meant a loss for his rink by a couple of shots.

C.C.C. IN LUCK

Craigengower had a clear-cut victory at Austin Road but I imagine they will be the first to admit that the woods ran very kindly for them, to put it no more strongly.

Razack tried his hand at skipping and did well to beat Bob Duncan by nearly a dozen. Arthur Hamson was playing well for Craigengower whilst both Levett and Cheesman, although bowling well for Duncan, found most of the ports. Lewis, for whom Ernie Zimmerman shone at third man, just had the better of Harrower in a low-scoring game, whilst Bill Way pipped Henry Lockhart on the post by securing a good three at the very last head. He had previously chalked up a couple of fives, incidentally.

Seven shots to the good with two heads to go all round is a comfortable but by no means safe position for a team to be in, but that the latter part of my sentence is true was proved at Chatham Road, where the home team scored on all these heads to win by three. Harry Gittins, ably supported by Jimmy Wong, was always beating Vic Chittenden, but Youngusband and Kew had a dour struggle before a couple of twos gave the footballer the spoils. Billy Simpson and Tony Basto had a similar tussle only the home skip had to stage a revival to restore the lead which had been his for the first half of the game.

LAWN BOWLS TEAMS

TAKOO CLUB TEAMS

Following will represent Taikoo Club Second Division team in Lawn Bowls League against Civil Service Cricket Club at North Point tomorrow:—
W. Melrose, C. Boward, T. Stainton and J. Chalmers (Skip); R. Main, H. O. Gillies, W. Cunningham and D. Munro (Skip) and F. Hillon, T. Grimes, J. A. Watson and R. Keown (Skip).

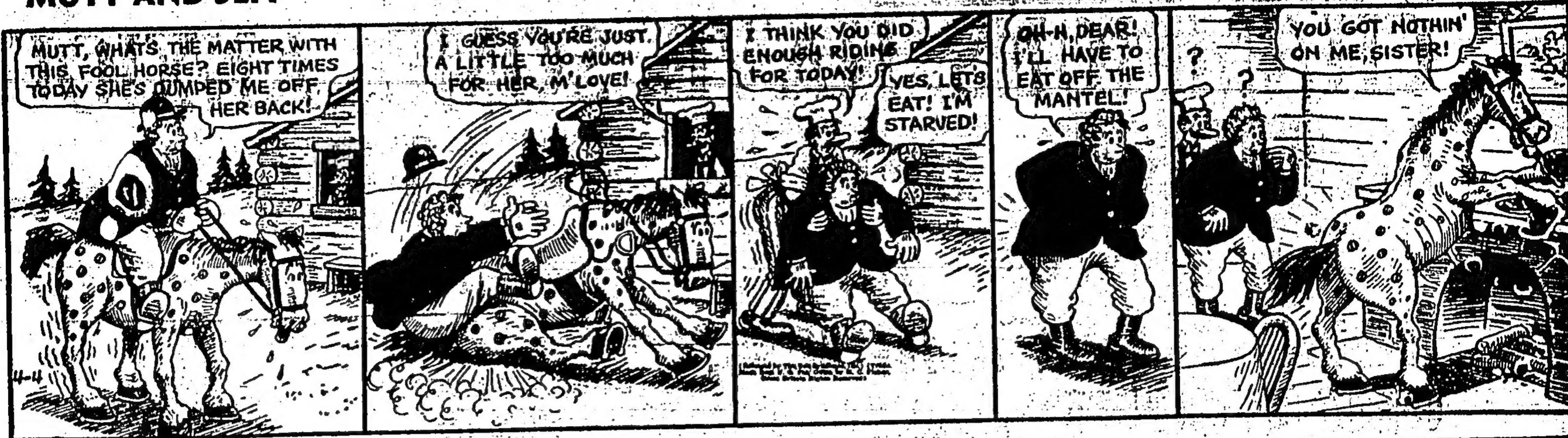
C.S.C.C. TEAMS

Following teams have been selected to represent Civil Service Cricket Club:—
First Division—(v K.C.C., home) A. Steven, J. W. Deakin, A. W. Grimmit and F. J. Jones (skip); M. E. Purvis, W. J. Burling, M. N. Rakusen and H. E. Strange (skip); J. Gellatly, J. Hollidge, L. A. Collyer and J. F. McGowan (skip).

Second Division (v Taikoo, away)—J. R. Carr, P. D. Crawley, C. J. Walker and S. Eccleshall (skip); A. F. Shepherd, B. F. Harper, H. Lord and C. Strange (skip); E. Kirmon, H. Parrott, R. R. Wood and A. B. Allen (skip).

Reserves—J. F. Hickman, J. C. Lucas and A. J. MacFayden.

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6.00 p.m.—Half an hour of Dance Music.
6.30 p.m.—Studio—A Recital by Successful Candidates of Various Grades in the Recent Examinations of the Trinity College of Music, selected by Dr. Lovelock.
7.00 p.m.—Closing local Stock Quotations.
7.02 p.m.—Sea Shanties.
Rio Grande; Billy Boy (arr. Terry); Shenanhoah (arr. Terry); Ten Thousand Miles Away (Willan) . . . John Goss (Baritone) and Cathedral Male Voice Quartet with Piano.
7.12 p.m.—Sydney Gustard at the Organ.
Musical Comedy Medley; Intro: Waltz from 'The Lilac Domino'; If you were the only girl from 'The Bing Boys are here'; Waltz from 'The Maid of the Mountains'; I'm on the staff from 'Arlette'; Song of the Vagabonds from 'The

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9.52 Megacycles

Vagabond King; Waltz from 'Chocolate Soldier'; Please don't flirt with me from 'To-night's the Night'; Waltz from 'Gipsy Love'; Waltz from 'Count of Luzembourg'; The Love Next from 'Mary'; Waltz and Finale from 'The Merry Widow'.
Medley of Old Time Songs; Part 1—English; Part 2—Scottish.
7.30 p.m.—London Relay—The News.
8.0 p.m.—Local Time Signal, Weather Report and Announcements.
8.03 p.m.—Studio—Recital by Elvie Yuen (Soprano) and Father A. Riganti (Piano).
1. (a) M'ama, non m'ama (Mascagni); (b) Risveglio (Mascagni); (c) Son Pochi Fiori (from

'L'Amico Fritz'); (Mascagni); . . . Elvie Yuen (Soprano) with Piano accom.
2. Allegro con brio (from Sonata in C Major—Haydn) . . . Father Riganti at the Piano.
3. (a) Still As the Night (Bohm); (b) Butterfly Wings (Phillips); (c) I Pitch My Lonely Caravan (Coates); (d) Sing, Joyous Bird (Phillips) . . . Klivie Yuen (Soprano) with Piano accom.
8.30 p.m.—Beethoven—Symphony No. 5 in C Minor, Op. 67.
Royal Albert Hall Orchestra con-

ducted by Sir Landon Ronald.
9.03 p.m.—Violin Solos by Natan Milstein.
La Campanella (from 'Concerto No. 2 in B Minor'—Paganini Op. 7).
Nocturne in C Sharp Minor (Chopin).
Romance (Second Movement from 'Concerto No. 2'—Wieniawski Op. 22).
9.15 p.m.—London Relay—News Summary.
9.30 p.m.—London Relay—"World Affairs".
9.45 p.m.—"He Wanted Adventure." Recorded on the Stage Miniature Presentation with Bobby Howes and Company.
10.18 p.m.—Dance Music.
11.0 p.m.—Close down.

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North, Dealer
Neither side vulnerable
♠ A 10 7 4
♥ 3
♦ A 9 2
♣ J 8 7 6 3
♠ K Q 9 2
♥ A K 9 4
♦ K Q
♣ Q 5 2
N
W
E
S
♠ J 8 6 5
♥ J 6 5
♦ J 4 3
♣ 10 9 4
♠ 3
♥ Q 10 8 7 2
♦ 10 8 7 6 5
♣ A K

The bidding:
North East South West
Pass Pass 1♥ Dbl.
2♣ Pass 2♦ Pass
2NT Pass 3♦ Pass
4♦ Pass Pass Dbl.
Pass Pass Pass

The bidding of the hand is not approved.

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OF THE
FOUR-ACE SYSTEM
ACE 3
KING 2
QUEEN 1
JACK 1
TOTAL 7
POINTS
FROM ACE

West made the mistake of opening the heart King, then shifted to the King of spades. Declarer won with the Ace, trumped a spade in his own hand, trumped a low heart with dummy's deuce of diamonds, entered his own hand

with the Ace of clubs and now led the Queen of hearts. West ducked. Declarer discarded a low club from dummy,

led another heart and trumped with the nine. East overruffed and led a spade, but this did him no good. Declarer trumped, played a trump to dummy's Ace, returned to his own hand with the King of clubs and led another trump, dropping the two remaining, and made the last two tricks with his last trump and the thirteenth hearts for his doubled contract.

Howard Schenken was your partner yesterday and you held:

♠ —
♥ A K 2
♦ A Q 10 4
♣ A Q 10 9 7 3

The bidding:

You Jacoby Schenken Burnstone
1♣ Pass 1♥ Pass
3♦ Pass 3♥ Pass
(?)

ANSWER: Your correct bid is four clubs. Since your three diamond bid was an absolute force to game, your partner will not pass this four-club bid. If he now bids five clubs, you may bid six clubs; if he bids four hearts, you may bid six hearts.
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QUESTION NO. 412

Both sides are vulnerable. You are the dealer and hold:

♠ A K Q x x
♥ x
♦ x x
♣ A x x x

What do you bid? (Answer tomorrow)

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DREARY TENNIS EXHIBITIONS

Whilst allowing for the fact that the Philippine Island tennis players, who gave exhibitions at Hong Kong Cricket Club yesterday were not extended, it cannot be said that they impressed very much.

A fairly large crowd watched two singles and a double of some of the dreariest tennis seen here for a long time.

There were no long rallies, none of the players appeared to be the slightest bit interested and errors abounded through all the games.

Tsui Yan-pui played for the first match against the P. I. No. 2, A. Sanchez, and at the outset appeared likely to offer some opposition. After the first three or four games, however, the Hong Kong player's stroking went completely to pieces and Sanchez was content to play at half speed to win 6-4, 6-2.

The visitor's strokes, when he was really trying, were nicely made and he volleyed well on the few occasions he went in to the net.

SET TOO LONG

The doubles lasted a set too long and the match, which the crowd had been waiting for, between Ampon and Tsui Wai-pui, was played in foul light.

If Kong and Hung were not im-



You no longer are of the younger generation if you count the time you play lost time.

pressive, neither were Diy and Carmona and I don't suppose that more than half a dozen rallies lasted more than six strokes.

Ampon quickly found his control against Tsui Wai-pui but the latter was so erratic that the P.I. player soon allowed his concentration to wander. Most interesting feature of this game was the fine retrieving powers of the tiny Filipino.



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ALL MEMBERS are cordially invited to attend and participate in any discussion which may ensue.

By Order of the Stewards,
C. B. BROWN,
Secretary.

Hong Kong, 17th May, 1940.

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The Share Register and Transfer Books will be CLOSED from the 8th May to the 22nd May, 1940, both days inclusive.

JARDINE, MATHESON & CO., LTD.,
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Hong Kong, 1st May, 1940.

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NOTICE OF GENERAL MEETING

The Fifty-ninth Ordinary General Meeting of the Company will be held at the Offices of the General Managers, Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd., Pedder Street, Hong Kong, on THURSDAY, 30th May, 1940, at noon, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors, passing the Accounts, and electing Directors and Auditors.

The Transfer Books of the Company will be closed from the 23rd May to 13th June inclusive.

By order of the Board.

JARDINE, MATHESON & CO., LTD.,
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2	New Kowloon Inland Lot No. 2723	Junction of Castle Peak Road and Fat Tsung Street, Cheung Sha Wan.	ft.	ft.	ft.	ft.	About 14,700	\$204	\$11,033
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PARTICULARS AND CONDITIONS

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No. of Sale	Registry No.	Locality	Boundary Measurements				Contents in Square feet	Annual Rental	Upset Price
			N.	S.	E.	W.			
3	Kowloon Inland Lot No. 4278	South-West of Kowloon Inland Lot No. 1800, Ha Heung Road, To Kwa Wan.	ft.	ft.	ft.	ft.	About 2,700	\$48	\$2,770
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JAPANESE LOSSES PUT AT 50,000

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Chungking, To-day.
Japanese losses during the recent operations in southern Honan and northern Hupeh are estimated at 50,000 by the Chinese military spokesman.

The spokesman states that 69 tanks and 3,000 mules were captured by the Chinese forces.

In the operations, seven Japanese divisions, divided into five columns, started a general drive early this month.

Well informed of the Japanese intentions, the Chinese attacked the rear of the first and second Japanese columns which were taken by surprise and routed.

The third and fourth columns were defeated by the same tactics.

ITAGAKI IN HANKOW

Remnants of these columns joined up with the remainder of the first and second columns, which the Chinese then surrounded, some 20,000 Japanese being rounded up.

The first Japanese column suffered losses which were so heavy as almost

IMPORTANT PARIS CONFERENCE

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Paris, To-day.
An important conference took place at noon yesterday at the Quai d'Orsay under the chairmanship of the Premier, M. Reynaud.

Among those attending were all Ministers, the presidents of the Senate and Chamber, General Hering (Military Governor of Paris) and the Minister for Home Affairs.—Havas.

BRITISH YOUTH REPORTED MISSING

Ronald Fullerton, 15½, is reported to be missing since 5.40 p.m. yesterday, from his ship which is lying at Taikoo Docks. He is 5ft. 6ins. in height, slim built, has blue eyes, and was last seen wearing a white shirt, blue trousers, and black shoes.

to amount to complete annihilation.

The spokesman added that General Itagaki had arrived in Hankow to direct operations.—Havas.

Mechanised Units Bugged

The Japanese débacle in that area is attributed to a vast Chinese encircling movement, the over-extension of the Japanese line, and the torrential downpours which rendered the enemy mechanised units ineffective.—Central News.



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The decision to transfer the Japanese Legation at The Hague to London following the capitulation of the Dutch army has been revoked, states a Japanese report. The Japanese Minister to Holland and his staff are remaining at The Hague.—Reuter.

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